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MINUTES

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

5:20 p.m.

January 10, 1977

SPECIAL MEETING

COMMISSIONERS

Joan F. Henning, Jr., President

Dennis V. Carey, Vice President

H. Melton Flynn

Josepa P. Byrne

Lydia Larsen

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ACTING GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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Call to Order: 5:20 p.m.

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Dennis V. Carey
H. Nelson Flynn, Joseph P. Byrne, Lydia Larsen

Public Hearing: To consider the revision of the schedule of rates charged by the San Francisco Water Department.

Commission President Henning called the meeting to order. He stated that the Departmental presentation would be made by Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, Acting General Manager, San Francisco Water Department.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Boyd submitted the Department's report of revenue requirements and rate increase analysis dated December 10, 1976, in connection with the recommendation for a system-wide 20 per cent increase in water rates. He said his presentation would also amount to an explanation of the Water Department budget for the coming fiscal year.

The Board of Supervisors last year rejected a proposed 15 per cent increase and recommended a "householders' discount" or "lifeline" rate. The Commission subsequently submitted a rate schedule incorporating a reduced rate block for the first 600 cubic feet of water, or less, delivered to all customers. This was approved by the Board of Supervisors. Later, however, a group of resale customers obtained a U. S. District Court preliminary injunction on June 30, 1976. It was contended that this was, in effect, subsidizing San Francisco users at the expense of resale customers.

Commissioner John F. Henning, Jr. inquired about the status of the two suits by resale customers in 1974 and 1976, and was informed that arguments were presented to the Ninth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in October and a decision might be expected in six months.

Mr. Boyd discussed a position paper submitted today on behalf of suburban resale customers concerning the 20 per cent increase in rates. He said they are pleased it is a uniform rate increase, but are concerned about the Water Department allocation to Hetch Hetchy, which has increased in recent years to a proposed \$8.175 million. In their opinion the law mandates that Hetch Hetchy charges to the Water Department must be predicated upon actual costs. Mr. Boyd informed resale customers that the increase asked by Hetch Hetchy is the actual cost of living increase on labor and materials. The transfer of \$1,000,000 from Water Department to Hetch Hetchy is to rehabilitate the San Joaquin Pipeline.

A series of circumstances obviated further pursuit of a 1976 increase.

- o A 38-day strike by City employees, resulted in salary savings of \$629,000.
- o The Board of Supervisors, in addition to employee reductions that the Commission and the Mayor approved, cut 72 positions from the Water Department. This reduced budget needs by over \$1,000,000.
- o Additionally, \$2.9 million, impounded by the Board from the sale of Department lands, was released. As a result of these actions, the Commission was notified that, for the present fiscal year, 1976-77, no increase was needed to enable the Department to fund its budget.
- o Increased water sales were brought about by drought conditions during the winter of 1975-76.

BUDGET EXPLANATIONS

Were the Water Department to face the coming fiscal year with a budget identical to the current budget, it would end up with less than \$1,000,000 in unappropriated revenue. Factors beyond Department control require further expenditures for mandatory fringe benefits, social security and taxes. The maintenance and operations portion of the Water Department budget is not increased greatly this year. Funds which previously were carried as expenditures under contractual services are now under the maintenance and operations portion of the budget and are carried under the capital program. For direct comparison, the maintenance and operations budget is up only \$847,000.

Salaries:

There is a reduction of permanent salaries because of wage schedules issued by the Civil Service Commission. The Department is asking for \$38,524 to fund employments previously stricken from the budget.

The Sunol Filtration Plant is running at full capacity, and two new stationary engineers are required to operate the facility safely. This is a large plant in an isolated section near Sunol.

Equipment:

In the second major segment of the Department's budget 104 of 198 vehicles (not including tractors, etc.) are over six years old; and 35 have been driven over 100,000 miles -- 39 over 80,000. These have deferred maintenance problems. Additional equipment is needed for field situations. The state of equipment becomes more important, Mr. Boyd said, because of reduced manpower in the Department.

1972 Bond Program:

All projects in the 1972 bond fund have been reexamined and found to be essential. The date of the program had to be extended two years because of a two-year delay in the sale of bonds. If work lags on the bond program, it will affect San Andreas Pipeline No. 3, which will give better quality of water northward and into San Francisco. In 1977-78 work will commence on Balboa Reservoir and Pump Station, which has a \$6 million combined cost. Failure to do these jobs will result in increased escalation of prices.

Under the Capital Improvement Program, the major increase is in replacement of water mains within the streets of San Francisco.

Rate Structure Study:

In February 1976, the Board of Supervisors requested the San Francisco Water Department to review the rate procedures with the objective of reducing or eliminating the preferential rates granted to large quantity consumers. The Mayor signed the resolution of the Board of Supervisors, but stated it is his expectation that staff of the Water Department would undertake the study.

Since the staff of the Water Department has been cut 11.9 per cent, it is difficult to make the study. The Commission was informed by Water Department General Manager Arthur H. Frye, Jr. at that time that three or four people working for a few months could accomplish a tremendous amount of in-house work. With these temporary employments the Department could proceed. After the in-house work, the Commission should determine whether to retain a consultant.

Rate Discussion:

Dr. John M. Christensen, Jr. stated that the General Fund transfer of \$2-1/2 million involves Hetch Hetchy funds which when transferred from Hetch Hetchy may be used as the Board of Supervisors directs.

Mr. Boyd advised that he had hoped to have the decision of City Planning Department on an EIR but their work will not be completed until next week. It would be appropriate that the matter be taken under submission prior to action by the City Planning Department.

Mr. McMorris M. Dow, Deputy City Attorney, added this refers to the Environmental Quality Act, and any Government action is a "project." Budget adoption is exempt.

Mr. Rudolf Nothenberg, Acting General Manager of Public Utilities, commented that it would be appropriate to take up the budget January 11, 1977, and if the rate matter is revised, the budget can be amended.

Commissioner Dennis V. Carey said that an average property owner in the City uses nine units of water. He asked that this 20 per cent increase in rates be translated in terms of cents.

Mr. Boyd replied that the difference would be 59¢ a month for 600 cubic feet, a volume typical for elderly residents. At 1,000 cubic feet the difference would be 85¢ a month.

There are 64 large users of water in San Francisco who go into the 4th rate block. The largest user is the U. S. Navy at Treasure Island. Others include Metropolitan Housing, San Francisco Newspaper Printing Co., Lucky Lager Brewery and U. C. Hospital.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn was informed that the proposed new water rates would go into effect and begin to "generate funds" on July 1, 1977

Commissioner Carey inquired if the Water Department could function on less than a 20 per cent increase in rates.

Mr. Boyd replied, "Certainly, but not efficiently." He added that the water mains of San Francisco are deteriorating too rapidly, and fire protection is endangered. Failure to provide adequate rehabilitation would cost the taxpayers more, either in water rates or liability from fire insurance.

Commissioner Lydia Larsen inquired about the cost of repairs of 104 of 198 vehicles which are over six years old.

Mr. Boyd replied that vehicles this old are subject to much more repair and down time, and on many occasions parts are not available locally.

Commissioner Henning inquired about leasing.

Mr. Boyd replied that Pacific Telephone Co. and PG&E have looked into this possibility recently, and have recommended against it.

The meeting was then opened to speakers in the audience.

Public Discussion:

Letters in opposition to the proposed rate increase from the following persons are attached and made a part of these minutes:

Mr. David J. Miller, of Hanson, Bridgett & Marcus, Attorneys.
Mrs. Sylvia Wedemeyer, 1495 - 30th Avenue, San Francisco.
Mr. Victor Honig, San Francisco Tomorrow, 88 - 1st Street, San Francisco

A petition signed by 45 members of Lake Merced Chapter of AARP opposing the proposed water rate increase is also made a part of these minutes.

The following people spoke in opposition to the proposed water rate increase:

Mr. Victor Honig - letter attached.

Mr. Ken McEldowney of Community Action Project: Mr. McEldowney stated that if the proposed rate increase is passed, he would like to see the "lifeline" provision reestablished. He indicated support of the PUC and the Water Department in their recommendation for a short term staff to make a study of the rate structure.

Mr. Edward J. Maurer, 1422 Willard Street, San Francisco: He said he had a very satisfactory response from the Water Department when his water pressure dropped to "zilch" on Christmas Day. However, he questioned the necessity for a rate increase, and the diversion of Water Department funds to other departments.

Mr. Randy Radosevich, 1623 Moraga Street, San Francisco, "representing all San Franciscans": He said a 20 per cent increase is too much - a 5 per cent increase would cause no objections.

An unidentified lady from the audience asked why the Commission does not consider the suburban residential household when establishing water rates. If San Mateo County requires capital investment, that should be directly attributable to that County. She also suggested there might be a complete file to which the public might have access.

Mr. Boyd advised that the Brown and Caldwell report developed the basic idea that people outside San Francisco should pay their entire fair share. It is the position of the Water Department that the people outside San Francisco must pay their fair share of capital, operations and maintenance.

Mrs. Winifred C. McCarthy, Executive Director of the Apartment House Associations Consolidated then spoke. She stated she was not notified of the public hearing, and asked to be placed on the mailing list. She is opposed to a 20 per cent increase for apartment buildings which will be passed on to tenants in the form of increased rent. She represents 1,000 apartment house owners.

Mr. Boyd advised that single homes might use from 7 to 10 units of water, while apartment use is about four units. He also pointed out that many of the so-called commercial users are apartment houses. Mrs. McCarthy also pointed out that there is a saving in stamps on billing apartment houses, and bills do not have to be sorted and printed 100 times.

It was then moved by Commissioner Carey, seconded by Commissioner Larsen and agreed to by all members of the Commission to take this matter under submission.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED - 7:18 p.m.

Margaret L. Brady
Acting Secretary

M I N U T E S

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George R. Moscone, Mayor

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January 11, 1977

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Call to Order: 2:42 p.m.

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Dennis V. Carey
H. Melton Flynn, Joseph F. Byrne, Lydia Larsen

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Commission held December 14, 1976 were approved.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of Carey, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0003 GO

Accepting proposed budgets of Bureau of Light, Heat and Power, General Office, Municipal Railway, Hetch Hetchy Project and Computer Center

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0004 H

Bid call for HH Contract No. 548 for construction of Taraval Substation and equipment installation

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Carey, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0005 H

Awarding HH Contract No. 523 to L. K. Comstock & Co., Inc. of San Francisco for construction of underground facilities - \$355,462

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Carey, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0006 H

Debit modification No. 6 to HH Contract No. 522 for installation of electrical equipment - \$5,000

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0007 H

Authorizing City Attorney have judgment of condemnation fixing fair market value for right-of-way easements being taken at \$800

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Carey, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0008 H

Approving collection of Bureau of Light, Heat and Power damage claims for November - \$447.87

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0009 H

Approving Public Works proposal for new street lighting on Mendell and Newhall Streets

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0010 W

Approving appointment of Kenneth R. Boyd as Acting General Manager of Water Department

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Carey, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted;

77-0011 W

Transfer of \$160,000 for emergency repairs to Sunol Valley Water Filtration Plant

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Carey, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0012 W

Establishing as PUC policy present practice of resisting use of potable quality water when other recycled, salt or underground water can be utilized

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0013 W

Bid call for WD Contract No. 1708 for construction of fences in San Mateo County

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Carey, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0014 W

Accepting as completed WD Contract 1540; approving credit modification of \$9,702.55 and final payment of \$8,296.59 to McGuire and Hester

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0015 W

Accepting as completed WD Contract No. 1709; approving credit modification of \$623.82 and final payment of \$4,812.01 to Anza Engineering Corporation

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Carey, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0016 W

Approving collection of claim against miscellaneous debtors for December - \$1,127.72

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Carey, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0017 M

Ratifying declaration of emergency and approving transfer of \$23,000 for Geneva Car barn repairs

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Carey, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0018 M

Ratifying declaration of emergency and approving transfer of \$7,500 for Elkton Shop repairs

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0019 M

Approving debit modification no. 4 under MR Contract 618 for \$35,000

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Carey, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0020 M

Approving credit modification no. 1 for \$4,903.83 on MR Contract No. 620

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Carey, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0021 M

Approving debit modification no. 1 for \$3,900 under MR Contract No. 613

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Carey, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0022 M

Approving debit modification no. 2 under MR Contract No. 613 for \$0.90

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Carey, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

Approving selection of professional services consultant Kenneth Roberts and Associates for implementation of RUCUS System

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Carey, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0024 M

Authorizing emergency appropriation of \$575,000 continuing payment of Workers' Compensation for Municipal Railway employees

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0025 M

Approving payment of claims for November - \$34,200.99

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Carey, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0026 M

Compromise and collection of claims - \$10,529.35 - and write-off of uncollectible accounts - \$329.32

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0027 GO

Emergency requisition - personal service contract bid call for Municipal Railway mechanical safety purposes

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Carey, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0028 GO

Stating policy requesting Board of Supervisors and Mayor for funds to bring Municipal Railway number of operators to at least 1902

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Carey, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0002 M

Settlement of claim against LDS Truck Lines, Inc. by collection of \$1000

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0001 M

Requesting warrants in settlement of claims against Railway \$57,834.81

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Carey, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Acting Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

Report of the General Manager:

Mr. Rudolf Nothenberg, Acting General Manager of Public Utilities, reported upon three problem areas in which he had been most active since assuming his position.

Safety Problems of Municipal Railway: A complete inventory has been received from CAL-OSHA of 459 safety items. Of the 10 so-called serious violations, 9 have been totally abated. One will be abated by February 1, 1977. A number (in excess of 400 items) of less serious violations must be handled at a later time. The project headed by Patrick J. Phillips will conduct a shop by shop inventory of violations, listing the citation date and deadline for correction. Mr. Nothenberg will receive weekly reports, and will report to the Commission at appropriate intervals. The estimated cost for abating all violations is \$321,000. Mr. Nothenberg has discussed funding with the City Controller and will submit an emergency supplemental appropriation request to the Commission at its next meeting.

Appointment of a Director of Safety and Training: The Civil Service Commission has been asked to establish a position of Director of Safety and Training who will be in charge of maintaining a safety program that will assume compliance with CAL-OSHA, as well as establish a training program aimed at reducing accidents and consequent claims.

At the request of Utilities management, the Fire Department has listed 70 fire code violations, and will submit a report on corrective action required. Pat Phillips and Gene Henderson are working on these violations, reports have been received, and more will be received periodically.

Close contact has been established with the Department of Industrial Relations at the University of California, which establishes programs for those who request them. This matter is awaiting the arrival of a safety director.

With reference to reporting violations, and what has transpired, written reports will be submitted at Commission meetings.

Maintenance: Persons in charge of the emergency program were sent to Toronto to examine procedures and processes by which the Toronto Transit Commission maintains its fleet. The Commission and the Mayor's Office have been furnished with a budget by quarters, and we will report on the progress of the emergency maintenance system. Much will depend on the cooperation of personnel in the shops. Mr. Nothenberg has met with the union leadership today in their offices, and has begged them "to give us the needed cooperation in the shops." Observing that there are many problems confronting management and labor, he said that those of management's making will be rectified. The

cooperation and performance of "those capable" employees is expected. Meetings have been scheduled with shop stewards at each of the divisions next week.

Mr. Nothenberg stressed that it is his objective to obtain the cooperation of Muni employees, and his efforts may in no way be construed as a "witch hunt." He reported several meetings with the Arthur Young consulting group, is meeting with the Urban Transit Development group from Toronto, and is working to expedite the TIMS project.

Civil Service Director Bernard Orsi has promised a quick response to requests for personnel. The Civil Service Commission will report on a management proposal made in 1975, hopefully within 60 days.

Mr. Nothenberg stated that on January 12, 1977, the UTD group from Toronto will arrive to spend two days with him, and he will bring them up to date on what has been accomplished since his arrival.

Mr. Nothenberg recommended to the Commission the appointment of Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd as Acting General Manager of the San Francisco Water Department. On motion of Commissioner Byrne, Resolution No. 77-0010 was adopted, confirming Mr. Boyd's appointment as Acting General Manager of the San Francisco Water Department.

Commissioner Dennis V. Carey reported that the Commission is pleased with the substantial progress made by Mr. Nothenberg in a short period of time.

Introduction of New Business:

Commissioner Dennis V. Carey reported on the transit security situation. He advised that \$700,000 has been received to implement an additional safety program. A copy of his presentation is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Public Hearing: Budget Proposals for the fiscal year 1977-78 of all Departments under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission

Proposed Budget 1977-78

Bureau of Light, Heat and Power	\$15,528,211
General Office, PUC	913,111
Municipal Railway	94,207,704
Water Department	31,534,617
Hetch Hetchy Project	48,427,667
Computer Center	1,087,554
	<u>\$191,698,864</u>

The increase between this and the 1976-77 budget is \$49,124,864. Dr. John M. Christensen, Jr., Assistant General Manager-Finance, explained the budgetary requirements of the Utilities departments, and advised that budgets are based upon departmental programs developed in each of

the departments to discharge their responsibilities to the Commission and the City of San Francisco. Efforts to provide levels of service required by the citizens have been considered and are included; also the dire need of our departments to upgrade equipment and preserve capital investment.

The Water Department shows requirements of substantial increases in plant equipment. After five years of below normal capital investment there are increasing costs of maintenance, and difficulties in continuing the distribution system without increasing failures. Of the 1200 miles of mains, under two miles are being replaced each year. Some mains are over 100 years old. Hetch Hetchy is continuing support of the Muni power distribution system. Both Water Department and Hetch Hetchy are self-sustaining from revenues they generate. The Muni Railway budget has been increased 19.2 per cent to cover recognized gaps and to reach desired standards.

The increase between the total 1976-77 budget and the proposed 1977-78 budget is \$49,124,864. The Bureau of Light, Heat and Power has almost \$5 million in increased cost due to price rises in gas and electricity. Hetch Hetchy shows \$24-1/2 million for purchase of power for resale. Water Department shows \$4 million for capital investment to replace water mains. There is also \$1/2 million increase in bond interest and redemption. Municipal Railway has an increase of \$15.1 million to provide for adequate maintenance, safety and materials and supplies.

\$161.2 million will be used for operations and maintenance. There is a capital improvements and replacement increase of \$4-1/2 million to a total of \$16.6 million.

Once again a major effort is being undertaken by the PUC to provide Muni with personnel, materials and supplies, contractual services, equipment and plant improvements to obtain the level of service desired. Management will continue to work with the Federal government for capital items. Shortfalls in satisfying previous requests have led to some of the problems now faced by Muni. The low fare structure has been augmented by programs for senior citizens, fast passes, reduced fares for handicapped and the liberal transfer system.

The National Mass Transit Act will provide approximately \$5.9 million. The State sales tax in Transportation Development Act funds will provide about \$6 million. Approximately \$8 million has been forecast as being made available from revenue sharing. The improvements now underway should result in increased ridership. It is essential not only that dependable service be provided to insure that the additional revenue is forthcoming, but also to obtain maximum use of our transit facilities which improve the City's environment.

Funds to finance the budget will be obtained from the following sources in the estimated amounts:

Revenues	\$105,462,864
Revenue Sharing	8,000,000
MTC/TDA	6,000,000
Federal Operating Assistance	5,872,000
Inter-Fund Receipts	11,315,151
Ad Valorem Taxes	<u>55,049,429</u>
Total	\$191,698,864

To summarize, Dr. Christensen stated that these budgets have been prepared bearing in mind the financial difficulties of the City, and optimum service in relation to associated costs for those services. Fortunately, the large increase in power costs can be passed on to purchasers outside of San Francisco. There are rival claimants for revenues forecast, both within and without the City, but vigorous efforts will be made to achieve the levels forecast.

Each of the department managers then discussed his budget, and answered questions from the members of the Commission.

Oral L. Moore, Hetch Hetchy General Manager, recommended that the sum of \$2 million which had been budgeted for use by the City's General Fund be deleted from appropriations to surplus. Precipitation had been far below normal, and it is expected that it will be necessary to cut into Hetch Hetchy financial reserves this year. If heavy rains occur later, the money may be available.

Kenneth R. Boyd, Water Department Acting General Manager, advised that the Water Department has no new programs in its budget. There are only two new employments - for safety purposes. The Water Department is following the Grand Jury report on increased main replacements. They are requesting that the proposed budget be amended upward by \$30,000 to be included in contractual services. It is the Department's intent to spend \$4000 of this sum to pay overtime to two temporary employees to assist in a rate structure study.

Dr. Christensen discussed the General Office and Computer Center budgets. The General Office budget is \$913,111 - an increase of \$19,727 over this fiscal year. These are largely mandated costs - no equipment. Support allocation is between Hetch Hetchy and Water Department.

The Computer Center budget is a new item, as up to 1977-78 the Computer Center was carried in the budget of the Water Department. Personnel were distributed in the Water Department, Muni Railway and the Controller's Office but are now consolidated. Costs, other than mandated, do not reflect any increase of significance in the Computer Center. During the past year about 50 temporary employees have been certified and are now eligible for fringe benefits. One additional employee is required, because during this calendar year, Muni will receive authorization from the Federal Government to obtain a new computer. At that time it will be necessary to have an additional employee to carry out on this new, larger computer.

Mr. Curtis E. Green, Municipal Railway General Manager, stated that in the past fiscal year coaches have not been available due to deferred maintenance. The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors have provided \$1,500,000 to be used under a project headed by Mr. Rino Bei to pick up deferred maintenance. Muni is requesting 183 new positions, 153 of which are maintenance directed.

President Henning requested that a bi-weekly report be submitted to the Commission and Board of Supervisors on the deferred maintenance program.

Commissioner Henning called for speakers from the audience.

Mr. Wade Hudson of Citizens Action League said CAL would be encouraged to know that it is the commitment of the PUC to restore cuts and use 1902 drivers once the Muni equipment is in operation.

On motion of Commissioner Carey, seconded by Commissioner Larsen, the Commission adopted Resolution No. 77-0028, stating that the policy of the Commission is to request funds from the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to bring Municipal Railway operational force to at least 1902 operators, as soon as equipment is adequately functional.

Mr. James Keefer of Mission Planning Council, representing citizens and home owners in the Mission District, stated 50 runs have been cut from their area. Many of their people depend on public transportation and they are in favor of getting service restored.

Mr. Michael Fong of Chinatown Transportation Research and Improvement Project, stated he came to express support for restoring cuts in service, as residents of that area are very dependent on public transportation.

Ms. Ruth Gravanis of the Glen Park Association stated this group supports the platform of the Citizens Action League.

Mr. M. Klebolt, President of CAP-TRANS, spoke concerning needed reforms within Muni Management, proposed additional employments, apprenticeship programs for craft positions, causes of equipment failure, sub-standard equipment, scheduling problems, other professional services, and driver training.

Mr. Green explained that Muni would like to have standard equipment, but this is not possible as the low bidder wins the contract when it is put out to bid. He also explained that scheduling will determine how much service is needed, and the scheduling department ought to be the best. The RUCUS program is being funded by the Federal Government.

The meeting was recessed at 4:27 p.m. and reconvened at 4:42 p.m.

Mr. John Elberling of CAP-TRANS stated the proposed 1977-78 budget is deceptive in some of its parts, and that the Title II Public Works Emergency Program is duplicated in this budget.

Mr. Green explained that Title II funds will apply to "buses lying on lots now," and that the other funds requested are for preventive maintenance.

Mr. Elberling questioned the seven day week for craft people, and Mr. Green replied that only automotive mechanics can work seven days a week.

Mr. Jack Oppenheimer of CAP-TRANS then spoke in praise of the "Toronto Report." He submitted a report entitled "Seven Steps to Reform the PUC and the Muni," which is made a part of these minutes.

Mr. C. R. Arnold of 59 La Grande Avenue stated that schedules are not provided for all lines. After discussion with staff, President Henning advised that James H. Leonard, Director of Public Service, would review the schedule procedure and report to the Commission January 25, 1977.

Mr. Norman Rolfe of San Francisco Tomorrow, urged active Commission promotion of Muni maintenance. To hold down the property tax he urged consideration of other sources of revenue such as raising the

parking tax five per cent, using parking meter revenues, increased bridge tolls, increased automobile "in lieu" fees, sales tax on gasoline and a City income tax. Commissioner Henning asked if he would favor an increase in fares and Mr. Rolfe replied, "No."

Mr. Lawrence B. Martin of T.W.U., Local 250A, submitted a letter which is made a part of these minutes. He also discussed health and welfare items. Regarding "behavior training," the union feels that if supervisors get more training driver behavior will improve. Drivers should be trained to deal with the public.

Inadequate convenience stations are provided, and a locker box system at service stations was suggested. Also, gillye rooms need upgrading.

T.W.U. feels that half of the \$4 million for passenger safety and damage claims can be used for retraining drivers. Also, more schedule makers are needed to establish safe operating schedules.

Mr. J. B. Martin, representing Automotive Machinist's Union, Local 1305, questioned the proposed 7-day operation in view of the fact that the present 6-day operational plan has not been utilized. He stated there is a morale problem in that money is needed to pay for supervisors holding temporary jobs. He also stated that training needs to be passed on, instead of staying with two or three people.

Mr. Martin asked if the proposed budget includes funds for stolen tools.

Mr. Green replied that there is a procedure governed by regulations of the Board of Supervisors. A police report is made, including the cost of the stolen tools, and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors. Concerning the 7-day work week, Mr. Green advised that on Saturdays and Sundays more equipment is in the yard, thus affording an opportunity to do preventive maintenance.

Item No. 8 - Budget Proposals - excluded the Water Department budget pending additional information on a proposed rate increase to be considered at the Commission meeting of January 25, 1977. Resolution No. 77-0003 was then unanimously adopted by the Commission.

Resolution No. 77-0023--approving selection of the professional services consultant for implementation of the RUCUS System, and authorizing the General Manager of Public Utilities to enter negotiations to prepare an appropriate agreement for said services.

Mr. Green advised this is a computerized run cutting and scheduling system funded and supported by UMTA. It will save man-hours and do a more efficient job.

Mr. Dean Collins, Director of PUC Computer Center, said the system is a valuable tool for schedule makers.

Item No. 29--Receiving the reply of the Municipal Railway to the Ames Research Center Study of the San Francisco Municipal Railway Cable Car System - to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Nothenberg requested that this item be put over to the next Commission meeting, and the item was taken off calendar.

Resolution No. 77-0027--Emergency requisition - personal service contract for Municipal Railway mechanical safety consulting purposes.

Mr. Mothenberg stated that the circumstances surrounding the recent tragedy involving Muni Railway personnel needs to be looked at by someone reporting to him, and through him to the Commission. This can be accomplished for a moderate amount, and will ascertain why the accident happened and assure that it doesn't happen again. This is no reflection on in-house investigation, but is one particular event for which this office does not have the technical expertise.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED - 6:30 p.m.

Margaret L. Brady
Acting Secretary

M I N U T E S

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

2:40 p.m.

January 25, 1977

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Personnel & Safety

Transportation

Rudolf Nothenberg

ACTING GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Margaret L. Brady

ACTING SECRETARY

Call to Order: 2:40 p.m.

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., H. Welton Flynn
Joseph P. Byrne, Lydia Larsen, Peter McCrea

The minutes of the Special Meeting of January 10, 1977 and the regular meeting of January 11, 1977 were approved.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0031 N

Authorizing negotiations modifying Arthur Young contract to include reporting system compatible with TMS

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0032 W

Approving supplemental appropriation of \$17,520 to establish Office of Water and Energy Conservatio

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0033 H

Awarding Contract No. 546 to Kaplan-Jones of Daly City - \$226,900

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, Larsen

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0034 H

Approving credit modification, assessing liquidated damages and accepting as completed Contract No. 526

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0035 H

Settlement of Hensel Phelps Construction Co. claim with payment of \$9,608

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0036 H Supplemental appropriation of \$1,673 adjusting wage rates for Class 7514 General Laborer and related classes
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0037 H Supplemental appropriation of \$894.87 adjust wage rates for Class 7347 Plumber and related classes
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0038 H Supplemental appropriation of \$831.82 adjust wage rates for various classes
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0039 H Supplemental appropriation of \$53,020 providing funds for final installment of Real Estate taxes
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0040 W Approving water rate increase and approving budget
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0041 W Modification of lease with Santa Clara Sand and Gravel Co.
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0042 W Awarding Contract No. 1711 to U. S. Pipe Linings, Inc. of Boca Raton, Florida - \$136,628.50
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0043 W Approving debit modification, authorizing final payment and completion of Contract No. 1677
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0044 W Approving debit modification, authorizing final payment and completion of Contract No. 1690
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0045 W Authorizing final payment to Pitometer Associates
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0046 W Supplemental appropriation of \$113,364 for final installment of Real Estate taxes
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0047 W Supplemental appropriation of \$60,000 for holiday and overtime salaries (crafts)
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0048 W Supplemental appropriation of \$45,060.42 adjusting wage rates for Class 7347-Plumber and related classes
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0049 W Supplemental appropriation of \$4,149.46 adjusting wage rates for Class 7514-General Laborer and related classes
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0050 W Supplemental appropriation of \$2,091.86 adjusting wage rates for various classes
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0051 M Increasing handicapped program from \$65,000 to \$97,235
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0052 M Supplemental appropriation of \$400,000 to correct CAL/OSHA safety violations
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0053 M Receiving reply of Railway to Ames Research Center Study
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0054 M Supplemental appropriation of \$3,540 to pay CETA employees difference between \$10,000 and current Civil Service pay rates
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0055 M Approving debit modification no. 3 for \$15,500 of Contract No. 613
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0030 M Settlement of \$13,131.79 claim to C. O. Jones Co., Contractor
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0029 M

Requesting settlement of claims against the Railway for \$98,401.04

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0056 GO

Transfer of funds under \$10,000 for second quarter of 1976-76 - \$16,208,340

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Acting Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Rudolf Nothenberg, Acting General Manager of Public Utilities, discussed a variety of matters, as follows:

Safety Problems - Municipal Railway

It is still our hope that the one remaining serious violation reported at the meeting of January 11, 1977, will be abated by the deadline date of February 1, 1977. There are now 427 citations for less serious violation. A week ago, Mr. Nothenberg said that 191 of 427 "less serious" violations were abated, and as of today, 232 have been abated. Many require only routine correction - removing trash, housekeeping duties, and fire extinguisher problems.

Safety Consultant

Mr. Stan Merrick, a safety consultant from Modesto, California, was engaged today to conduct an examination of the cable machinery accident of December 9, 1976. He is highly recommended, has experience in industrial safety, is a registered safety inspector. Mr. Merrick will begin work under his 10-day (maximum) contract on January 31.

Supplemental Appropriation - \$400,000 - to Correct CAL/OSHA Safety Violations at Muni Facilities

This amount is a rough estimate of that needed to abate the balance of the CAL/OSHA violation citations. Details of each corrective action will be furnished to the Mayor's Office and the Board of Supervisors. At the time the supplement is considered, in order to meet requirements of CAL/OSHA, the supplemental appropriation request must be submitted to the City Controller immediately.

Commissioner Larsen inquired if routine reports will be submitted to the Commission, and Mr. Nothenberg replied that the bi-weekly reports by Mr. Patrick Phillips will be supplied to the Commission.

Maintenance Problems

Mr. Rino Bei has reported that about one-half of the additional employees needed have been hired for the diesel shops from Civil Service lists. Less than one-fourth of the employees needed for streetcar deferred

maintenance have been hired, however. At the next Commission meeting Mr. Nothenberg will report on what has been accomplished as a result of the flow of Federal funds.

Commissioner Henning asked about a time table, and Mr. Nothenberg replied that a good budget and a time table are now available.

Mr. Nothenberg stated that he spent two or three days visiting Muni shops. He found there is no standard, useable system of determining what maintenance work is being done in each of the shops. There is no rudimentary base upon which a preventive maintenance program can be base

Each shop has its own record system, but in many cases there is no way to obtain a reading on what has happened to a particular piece of equipment. Certain consultants' recommendations for improvements in this area were not acted on, apparently on the reasoning that they should await implementation of the TMS program. However, the TMS system will not be operative for 18 to 24 months.

Mr. Nothenberg described this situation as "untenable." Railway management and the Arthur Young Company can work together to evolve a manual system to overcome the lack of even a rudimentary system. It will not be a cost accounting system, but at least it will be a reporting system. Mr. Nothenberg called the attention of the Commissioners to the Arthur Young proposal. Within six months a standard work order system will be installed, there will be a permanent standard record for each vehicle, as well as a basis for a preventive maintenance check system. There will also be a procedures manual, an inventory status report, and a parts reporting system.

Installation of the manual system is completely compatible with TMS, and will give Muni the ability to manage its fleet in a better manner, and set the stage for a preventive maintenance program.

Mr. Nothenberg stated he had been in contact with Urban Transit Development Associates of Toronto, and this group is in accord with the initial first step of the Arthur Young proposal.

An application has been made to MTC for funding. Arthur Young Co. has stated that it will begin work as soon as the Commission authorizes the Acting General Manager of Public Utilities to seek funding from MTC. There will be no cost to the City.

Commissioner H. Melton Flynn said he was amazed there is no uniform system, and asked about the supervisor or the individual responsible for record keeping. Mr. Nothenberg stated there is no standard procedure requiring that particular records be maintained.

Commissioner Flynn inquired if records can be maintained until the TMS system is instituted. Mr. Nothenberg replied he has been so informed. Each shop will have an additional clerk. Four shops are without any clerical help at present. Arthur Young Co. has agreed to keep the system simple.

Commissioner Peter McCrea asked about the reaction of the shop employees. Mr. Nothenberg replied that they must be convinced that what is proposed is an improvement, that this record keeping leads to something. The system will be simple to operate and not merely more useless bookkeeping.

In response to a question on funding the work, Dr. Christensen stated he has discussed the problem with MTC, and they have agreed to submission of a request for Section 9 funds. Mr. Nothenberg stated a large amount of this requested money is for desk auditing of the system once installed. If the system is not working it will be changed.

On motion of Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Larsen, Resolution No. 77-0031 was adopted unanimously. It authorizes the Acting General Manager of Utilities to immediately commence negotiations with Arthur Young Co. for modification of their present contract to include a reporting system that will be compatible with TIMS program and to seek funds from MTC.

Water Shortage

Mr. Nothenberg reported that the City's water supplies in the Sierra are down to about one-sixth of capacity. This is not enough to satisfy all of San Francisco's customers and is having a serious effect on power generating capacity.

Depending upon what happens for the balance of the year, there is a Hetch Hetchy revenue shortage of \$4 or \$6 million, and remaining reserves will be eliminated. It is almost inevitable that some capital outlay plans will have to be deferred in order to stretch funds. Mr. Oral L. Moore, General Manager, Hetch Hetchy System, has been asked to look at cash flow problems, and at appropriations that could be rescinded. Within 30 to 60 days Hetch Hetchy will have a better reading depending upon how much rainfall occurs. There is a severe funding shortage for the first time in 15 years. There will be no Hetch Hetchy support for the General Fund in the 1977-78 budget.

Responding to Commissioner Henning's question about General Fund support Mr. Moore stated that four years ago \$2 million was contributed; three years ago, \$5.5 million; and last year, \$3.5 million.

Dr. Christensen stated that Hetch Hetchy contributes \$1.8 million a year to the support of the Muni Railway Transit Power division, and is also providing \$16 million for PIP over a 5-year period, as well as other substantial support costs for the General Office. In the case of PIP, the City's contract with the Federal government requires that the program must move forward if commitments are to be met. When the contract materializes the City must have its one-third of the funding available.

Mr. Moore advised that appropriations from Hetch Hetchy are ahead of power requirements. Over \$14 million has been appropriated, but only \$8 million has been required. It is difficult to make any definitive study until the rainy season is ended. The situation will be eased if there is normal rainfall in February. Supplemental funds are now needed for power purchases.

Mr. Nothenberg stated there will be cash flow charts at 40, 50 and 60 per cent of normal rainfall by the next Commission meeting.

Turning to the water situation, Mr. Nothenberg stated that if the present pattern persists, local reservoirs will be dangerously low this summer. Even a great deal of snow now would not be of immediate aid.

Therefore, he explained, the Commission is being asked for a declaration of emergency on water shortage, and an authorization for a 10 per cent voluntary water saving program involving all categories of users.

If voluntary efforts don't succeed, physical impairment may be effected in the flow of water to those using more than they should, after the 10 per cent announced cutback. "Involuntary" restrictions would not be expected for 30 to 45 days, and would depend on the success of the voluntary program.

Commissioner Larsen inquired if water consumption can be monitored in order to ascertain when 10 per cent savings are not made.

Mr. Nothenberg replied that a very small emergency supplemental appropriation has been prepared. This is to begin funding an office of water and power conservation to accomplish this task.

At this point Mr. Boyd submitted a chart on combined storage in local reservoirs. Said chart is made a part of these minutes. He advised that during July, August and September all the water that the San Joaquin pipelines will allow must be brought from Hetch Hetchy sources. Water from snow melt would not be available until early April. If people will voluntarily save 10 per cent on water usage, it will save "bell ringing."

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn asked Mr. Boyd what would happen if the Board of Supervisors does not approve the rate increase. Mr. Boyd replied that the Water Department would then have a deficit budget, and would require ad valorem tax support. The rate increase if approved will add about \$6 million. Water conservation of 10 per cent will give a loss of \$2 million. If \$6 million of rate increase is not received, that \$6 million will be added to the deficiencies, and the Water Department will have close to an \$8 million deficit. Mr. Boyd recommended that transfer of \$1 million from Water Department to Hetch Hetchy be eliminated at this time, and that construction of another San Joaquin pipeline be deferred. The Water Department would receive sufficient monies to make up insufficient funds in cash flow.

Commissioner Larsen inquired about methods of informing the Department's 2,000,000 consumers of the necessity for water conservation.

Mr. Boyd replied that there have been articles in newspapers. Interviews have been set up with various organizations, and there have been discussions with radio stations and other news media. Also, each individual resale customer will arrange for local news coverage. The Water Department will begin a series of "print-outs" to be distributed in San Francisco by bulk mail.

On motion of Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner McCrea, Resolution No. 77-0032, approving a supplemental appropriation for funds required to establish the Office of Water and Energy Conservation in the amount of \$17,520, and declaring the existence of an emergency in accordance with provisions of Section 6.30 of the Administrative Code, was unanimously adopted by the Commission.

President Henning introduced and welcomed Commissioner Peter McCrea.

Resolution No. 77-0040--Approving water rate increase proposed by the Water Department on January 10, 1977, and approving the 1977-78 Water Department budget as presented to the Commission on January 11, 1977.

Mr. Boyd reported that the Acting Secretary to the Commission has on record a negative Environmental Impact Report from the City Planning Department.

Attached hereto and made a part of these minutes are the following documents protesting a 20 per cent increase in water rates: letter from Edith Cone, President, American Association of Retired Persons (Park Presidio Chapter); 106 signatures from San Francisco Southwest Chapter of AARP; and 113 signatures from Sunset Chapter of AARP.

Resolution No. 77-0042--Awarding WD Contract No. 1711, in net amount of \$136,628.50 to U. S. Pipe Linings, Inc., of Boca Raton, Florida, for cement mortar lining 16-inch and 20-inch pipe in 26th, Castro and Divisadero Streets.

Mr. Boyd stated a telegram had been received by the Acting General Manager of Public Utilities from the second lowest bidder suggesting that the qualifications of the low bidder be examined. An explanatory letter was sent in reply to this telegram, and the Acting Secretary to the Commission has been informed by telephone that the second lowest bidder has withdrawn objections.

Resolution No. 77-0053--Receiving the reply of the Municipal Railway to the Ames Research Center Study of the San Francisco Municipal Railway Cable Car System - to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors (continued from meeting of January 11, 1977).

Commissioner Henning inquired why the cable cars on California Street are not operating.

Mr. Green replied that the work to be done in the pit at California and Mason Streets involves a broken shaft. An engineering study has been necessary to determine the type of metal to be used. This has now been determined, and the metal will be purchased and repairs made. He said the California Line is expected to be in operation again by February 6, 1977.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:40 p.m.

Margaret L. Brady
Acting Secretary

MINUTES
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

3:00 p.m.

February 8, 1977

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Call to Order: 3:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Lydia Larsen,
H. Welton Flynn, Joseph P. Byrne, Peter McCrea

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 25, 1977 were approved.

RESOLUTION

- | <u>NO.</u> | | |
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| | | On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was approved: |
| 77-0058 | H | Supplemental appropriation of \$14,095 for compensation adjustments of various classes |
| | | Vote: Ayes: Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea |
| | | On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted: |
| 77-0059 | H | Bid call for Contract No. 560 for construction of underground duct system |
| | | Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea |
| | | On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted: |
| 77-0060 | H | Awarding Contract No. 557 to Giampolini and Co., of San Francisco for painting trolley poles - \$37,200 |
| | | Vote: Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea |
| | | On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted: |
| 77-0061 | H | Awarding Contract No. 555 to National Bridge Co. of Woodside for steel cover construction - \$23,800 |
| | | Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea |
| | | On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted: |
| 77-0062 | H | Debit modification No. 1 providing funds for two conduits under Contract No. 559 - \$1,848 |
| | | Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea |
| | | On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted: |
| 77-0063 | H | Credit modification No. 1 deleting sidewalk, contract work under Contract No. 536 - \$608 |
| | | Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea |

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0064 H Substitution of Jason Steel Corp as subcontractor under Contract No. 529

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0065 H Setting Tuesday, March 8, 1977 at 2:30 p.m. for lien public hearing

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0066 W Bid call for Contract No. 1722 for rehabilitation of Dumbarton Pipeline Bridge and pipes

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0067 W Bid call for Contract No. 1693 for main installation

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0068 W Bid call for Contract No. 1727 for main installation

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0069 I Awarding Contract No. 1692 to M G M Construction Co. of Concord, CA for main installation - \$168,410

Vote: Ayes Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0070 W Supplemental appropriation reflecting compensation adjustment for various classes - \$2,907

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0071 W Supplemental appropriation reflecting compensation adjustment for Class 5206 - \$2,536
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0072 W Supplemental appropriation reflecting compensation adjustment for Class 7134 - \$2,473
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0073 W Supplemental appropriation reflecting compensation adjustment for various classes - \$1,895.81
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0074 W Write-off uncollectible accounts receivable for January - \$9,559.79
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0075 W Collection of claims for damages for January - \$1,600.27
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0076 II Debit modification No. 1 under Contract No. 631 - \$30,293.55
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0077 II Requesting Board of Supervisors to not disapprove partial reduction in service of Route 40-Commuter and to approve establishment of of new Route 80-Gateway Express
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0078 M Payment of claims for December - \$43,335.36
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0079 M Compromise and collection of claims for damages against miscellaneous debtors for December - \$3,985.85
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0080 M Credit modification of \$386 and final payment under Contract No. 706
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0081 M Setting March 8, 1977 at 2:30 p.m. for public hearing on 5¢ fare for youths to and from Candlestick
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0092 GG Establishment of Bureau of Safety, Public Utilities Commission
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0093 Supplemental appropriation for funding supplementary security force to deter criminal activity of Muni vehicles
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Rudolf Nothenberg, Acting General Manager of Public Utilities, discussed the following matters:

Hetch Hetchy

Cash flow charts projecting 40 percent of normal rainfall, 60 percent of normal rainfall, and no significant precipitation for the balance of the year are available, and indicate that if there is a return to

the 1976 level of rainfall (50 percent of normal) there will be an estimated deficit of \$3,186,624, requiring deferral of about \$1.7 million in capital improvements, and \$1,431,120.94 in the Power Improvement Program.

At 40 percent of normal rainfall there would be a short fall of \$4.9 million, requiring a deferral of \$1.7 million in capital improvements, and \$3.2 million in the Power Improvement Program.

No rainfall for the balance of the year would create a revenue short fall of \$6 million, and an equal deferral in capital improvement projects. As indicated at the PUC meeting of January 25, 1977, there will be no surplus for the general fund. The Hetch Hetchy monthly report dated February 8, 1977, reveals that storage conditions in Sierra reservoirs are appalling.

Commissioner Peter McCrea inquired about the effect of deferring the Power Improvement Program. Mr. Oral L. Moore, General Manager, Hetch Hetchy System, replied that PIP appropriations are ahead of the cash flow, and this program is funded through June 1978.

Mr. Nothenberg stated that at some point \$4 million will have to be made up, and will take priority over any transfers to the general fund. Next year there will be no possibility of a surplus declaration, and it will probably take two years to make up the \$4 million deficit.

Water Shortage

Mr. Nothenberg stated that Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, Acting General Manager of the Water Department, is hospitalized by a condition diagnosed as exhaustion, and is expected to remain so for about one week. A report was received from Mr. Boyd regarding steps taken since the water emergency was declared. "Print outs" regarding water savings have been distributed by bulk mail. A memorandum signed by Mr. Roger Boas, Chief Administrative Officer, and Mayor George R. Moscone has been sent to all City departments outlining water conservation expectations.

A meeting was held with Mr. Ronald B. Robie, Director, State Department of Water Resources with Messrs. Boyd and Moore present. On February 7, 1977, another meeting with members of the State Department of Water Resources was held with Mr. Eugene Kelleher, Acting Assistant General Manager of the Water Department, and Mr. Moore in attendance. The Department of Water Resources is attempting to assist those areas that have been hardest hit by the water shortage. Plans have not been finalized, but we will be hearing from the State Department of Water Resources concerning a redistribution network.

Mr. Nothenberg stated that by the end of February we shall be able to ascertain what results are being achieved by voluntary water conservation. If the situation is not improved, an increased water conservation program will be necessary.

Commissioner McCrea asked if there is a program for increased water conservation. Mr. Nothenberg replied that three employees of the Water Department are now defining a program. Meters are being read, and allocations will be made available to each customer. There will be economic disincentives for usage above allocations. The Water Department has undertaken special conservation efforts with major commercial users.

Mr. Eugene Kelleher reported that the 60 largest commercial users have been cooperative, and are willing to accept large cuts in water service. A program for intensified water conservation will be ready by the end of February.

Commissioner John F. Henning, Jr. asked if the proposed program is exempt from an environmental impact report, and suggested that staff check with the Department of City Planning.

In answer to a question from Commissioner Lydia Larsen, Mr. Nothenberg stated our own vehicles are being washed only once a week with recycled water, and buses are no longer being washed. All City departments have been instructed to conserve water in washing vehicles.

Municipal Railway

A monthly progress report from Mr. Patrick J. Phillips, Program Director, Safety, was submitted to members of the Commission. On January 25, 1977, 232 of a total of 428 OSHA citations had been abated. As of today 274 of the original 428 citations have been abated, including all original serious citations. Citations at the Cable Car Barn were abated in time to meet OSHA requirements. There are 154 less serious violations remaining.

Mr. Nothenberg called the attention of the Commission to the monthly report for January 1977, on the Emergency Maintenance Program.

Commissioner Henning stated there is good news on the emergency maintenance program. In a three week period vehicles out of service have been reduced from 132 to 72.

Mr. Nothenberg stated he receives three reports daily--a daily "runs out" report, a "number of runs in service" report, and a "number of coaches out of service" report, and requested that these reports be consolidated into one report.

Commissioner McCrea asked if there is a control document for this program. Mr. Nothenberg replied that this is on a budgetary form. He has spoken with members of the Arthur Young Co., and they are satisfied with the program. A proposal has been received for a consultation with Urban Transit Development Associates of Toronto. However, the proposal was returned because answers are needed to specific questions before it is presented to the Commission. As soon as Mr. Nothenberg receives an answer which is a concrete proposal, he will present it to the Commission.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn expressed pleasure with the progress that has been made in solving Muni problems and stated he wished to personally offer his commendation to Mr. Nothenberg for his efforts. Mr. Nothenberg stated he has had the cooperation of a hard working Commission, and of the Mayor's Office as well.

Resolution No. 77-0077--Directing the Municipal Railway to establish service on a new Route 80-Gateway Express between Golden Gateway-Embarcadero Center area and the Southern Pacific Depot, and requesting the Board of Supervisors to not disapprove the partial route abandonment or the partial reduction in service of Route 40-Commuter, in accordance with Charter Section 3.595 (c).

Mr. Curtis E. Green, General Manager, Municipal Railway, stated that for a number of years the No. 40-Commuter line has run from the Southern Pacific Depot to 2nd Street to Stevenson Street. A demand for service has developed in the Golden Gateway-Embarcadero Center area. Some of the service now provided on the 40 line could be moved to create the No. 80-Golden Gateway Express without any further cost to the City. Tests were made three times in the past year. The new services have been requested by employers and employees working in the Golden Gateway-Embarcadero Center area.

With the use of charts, Mr. Tom Matoff of the Muni demonstrated the route of the proposed 80 line, and the partial reduction in service of the 40-Commuter line. He stated that the 80 would be an express line from the S. P. Depot to the first stop at Main and Mission Streets. The same number of trips that are reduced on the 40 line would be instituted on the 80 line. The Muni Railway is endeavoring to get people to the depot in time to meet their trains.

Commissioner Henning then opened the meeting to discussion from the audience.

Mr. Ray Stark, II of 241 Duncan Street, stated he is relief Assistant Station Master at the S. P. Depot. He favors the resolution, as buses can make better time on Fourth Street. Routing some of the 40 line buses over to the 80 line would, he said, reduce over crowding on the 32 line.

A gentleman from the Peninsula Commuters Transit Committee then spoke. He stated this is one of the few times in recent years that anything has been done by anyone to improve the commute into San Francisco. Following the resolution of the Board of Supervisors to encourage people to use public transit, Muni is taking one of the first steps to get people out of their automobiles.

Mr. Maurice Klebolt inquired about the proposal of SAM-TRANS to negotiate Peninsula motor coach service with 15-minute headways, and wondered if thought had been given to diminishing rates with respect to S. P. ridership. He stated Southern Pacific has never been encouraged to assist Muni in subsidizing commuter access.

President Henning indicated these matters will be a subject for debate at the next PUC meeting on February 22, 1977.

An unidentified person from the audience also spoke in favor of the new 80 line, stating that people coming from the Peninsula to get to the foot of Market Street could also get to outlying districts by obtaining a transfer.

Commissioner McCrea stated he would like to commend Mr. Green, and Commissioner Larsen stated that Mr. Matoff had done a good job.

Resolution No. 77-0082--Establishment of the Bureau of Safety, Public Utilities Commission.

President Henning explained that this matter involves establishing a position for a permanent safety man. The classification has been approved by the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Nothenberg stated that the person appointed to the position would work primarily to insure that all operations, whether at Hetch Hetchy, Water Department, or Muni are in compliance with OSHA standards. It has not been decided whether the safety training function will reside with the individual appointed.

Similar positions around the country were surveyed by Mr. Demo Adams, Director of Personnel and Safety, and a salary of \$29,630 was established for the position. Funding for this year is available in the budget.

Resolution No. 77-0083--Approving supplemental appropriation, amount \$16,000, from any legally available funds, for a new program of contracting for a supplementary security force of personnel having peace officer status, per Charter Section 6.306; and establishing that supervision of the security program will be determined by the PUC at the time of offering the contract for bid.

Mr. Nothenberg stated that over the past 6 or 8 months there have been recurring offers to make money available for Muni Railway security. Authorities in Sacramento have requested a variety of people to draw up plans. Supervisor Quentin L. Kopp, Mayor George R. Moscone, and Municipal Railway personnel are drawing up plans. Mr. Curtis E. Green has a plan that is acceptable to the Mayor's Office.

Mr. Green stated it has been the policy of the PUC that violence on the Muni is a police problem. However, as the police force is limited, Muni has been unable to get adequate assistance, and crime has not been reduced to an acceptable level. The "red coats" have had some effect, but there are still large numbers of purse snatchings, muggings etc. This is a deterrent to people riding the system. A contract would be entered into with a firm under the direct supervision of a security officer at Muni. This program is not intended as a substitute for police presence and help, but as a supplement to the police effort. Funds in the amount of \$282,000 for a 12-month period will be available to hire a private vendor. Funding will come from \$250,000 in Federal L.E.A.A. funds granted to the Mayor's Office, \$16,000 in matching State funds, and \$16,000 in City funds to be funded by supplemental appropriation. BART, A/C Transit and Golden Gate Transit each have a private contractor providing similar services. Mr. Alan L. Bingham, General Manager of A/C Transit has indicated that this type of arrangement is very satisfactory, and is one which A/C Transit had for several years. A/C Transit pays \$7.75 per hour, which includes manpower, radio cars, and uniforms. Management is responsible only for deciding on which lines and at what times to use the services. Mr. Green indicated he found the same system was used at Golden Gate Transit. He stated \$8 per hour would be appropriate for San Francisco. Using this figure he calculated that 2900 guard hours would be available each month. This would make a private contractor available to assist in those areas and at those times where severe problems exist, and would approximate using 17 persons per day. An individual could work a shift of 12 hours, or a shift of only 1 or 2 hours.

In addition to the \$282,000 in Federal, State and City funding, approximately \$50,000 of in-kind services by Muni's existing security staff will be provided to support the proposed program.

In answer to a question from Commissioner Flynn, Mr. Green said that \$8 per hour would supply "standard" blue uniforms, radios, and automobiles.

Mr. Jack Oppenheimer of CAPtrans spoke in favor of the proposed plan, and said it was hoped that individuals from the inner City could be hired as private guards. Commissioner Henning said he fully endorsed this idea, but these guards would have powers of arrest. Therefore, certified training would be necessary, and there is a limited time span. He noted that the "red coats" are inner City youth, and suggested that the matter be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Lawrence B. Martin, President, Transport Workers Union, Local 250A, stated the plan will be opposed by TWU if it is administered by Muni Security Chief George England.

In answer to a question from Commissioner Flynn regarding the "red coats," Mr. Green advised that they are working for the Police Department. Mr. England is in charge of security for buildings, Muni installations, etc. Mr. Green said he would discuss the matter with Mr.

Martin. A decision on who will administer the private security plan, should it be approved by the Board of Supervisors, has not been made.

In answer to a question from an individual in the audience, Commissioner Henning gave a brief report concerning the following matters.

Carl Street Track Section

On February 7, 1977 Commissioner Henning visited this area in response to certain media comments regarding the safety of a section of track. There was a question as to whether or not the track is being laid consistent with specifications of the contract. Mr. Rino Bei, Manager, Transit Improvement Program, and Mr. Thomas Mullaney, Sr. Engineer, accompanied Commissioner Henning. A 2 or 3-inch cover of new ballast was found under the ties, and old ballast was found to a depth of 5 inches. This ballast consists of 80 percent crushed rock and 20 percent sand. No safety problem was discovered, and no problem was found with respect to pre-drilled ties.

Night Tour of Muni Facilities

The cable car section is closed at night, and the Woods facility was not visited but all other facilities were included. Commissioner Henning stated he was very pleased with the work being accomplished, particularly with regard to emergency maintenance.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:35 p.m.

Margaret L. Brady
Acting Secretary

M I N U T E S

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

2:30 p.m.

February 22, 1977

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ACTING GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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ACTING SECRETARY

Call to Order: 2:38 p.m.

Present: Commissioner John F. Henning, Jr., Lydia Larsen,
H. Melton Flynn, Peter McCrea

Absent: Joseph P. Byrne

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 1977 were approved.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0086 H Supplemental appropriation providing funds for purchase of power and service charge for transmission and distribution - \$15,029,000

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0087 H Authorizing replacement of trolley poles in Daly City with combination street light and trolley poles

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0088 H Awarding Contract No. 1640 to Dalzell Corporation, of Emeryville, CA for renovation of Crystal Springs pump station - \$742,172

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0089 H Awarding Contract No. 1700 to Bar Fence Company, Inc. of Pleasanton, CA for fence construction - \$35,775

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0090 H Accepting completed work under Contract No. 1691

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0091 H Supplemental appropriation adjusting salaries of various positions-- \$2,473

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0092 M Setting, March 22, 1977 as date for public hearing to consider grant applications for National Mass Transportation Assistance Act funding

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0093 M Approving travel vouchers - \$2,984.66

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0057 M Settlement of claims against Railway - \$228,810

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0094 G Approving reasonable annual depreciation expense for fiscal year 1975-76 - \$10,693,064

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Rudolf Nothenberg, Acting General Manager of Public Utilities, reported as follows:

Water Conservation and/or Rationing

A month ago the people of San Francisco were asked to voluntarily conserve water, and the Commission was informed that another assessment would have to be made in February to ascertain if the voluntary reduction and February rainfall would produce desired results. Although the voluntary response was favorable, anticipated precipitation has not occurred.

The Commission is now being asked to adopt a resolution for an overall 25 percent mandatory reduction in water consumption. A series of charts projecting precipitation figures for 1977 and 1978 indicate what various precipitation and water usage figures would do for storage capacity at the end of 1977 and 1978. We must prepare for at least another year of the drought, or we may get into a untenable situation.

It is the opinion of the Acting General Manager of Public Utilities and the staffs of Hetch Hetchy and the Water Department that a mandatory rationing program should be instituted. A smaller sacrifice must be made at this time in order to make a large sacrifice less likely next year.

Mr. Nothenberg presented Mayor George R. Moscone to the Commission.

Mayor Moscone stated he had asked Mr. Nothenberg and those who report to him to be sure that the rationing position advanced would not cause sacrifices to be requested in error. However, this sacrifice needs to be made. The proposed program should be general in scope so as to lend itself to modification and prevent injustices. Undoubtedly, some institutions such as hospitals will require a greater degree of service, as will some industries. We will have to see to it that job opportunities are protected. The Mayor stated that "this may not be the last or the most dramatic step we will have to take," and there must be no question as to firmness of commitment to the conservation of resources.

Mr. Nothenberg briefly discussed the Hetch Hetchy and Water Department graphs. The first depicts the "worst of all possible worlds" -- no more precipitation in 1977 and no more precipitation in 1978 than we had this year. It contemplates a 25 percent reduction in water usage.

The next graph assumes precipitation at 40 percent of that in 1976, with a 10 percent reduction in consumption. The 50 billion-gallon desirable rate of storage is not possible with a 10 percent reduction in consumption.

The next graph assumes 40 percent precipitation and 25 percent reduction in consumption, which will leave 30 billion gallons of storage for 1978. Storage will increase after the snow melt, but will decrease again.

The next graph assumes 60 percent of 1976 precipitation and a 10 percent reduction in consumption. This also shows a rapid fall below 50 billion-gallons of storage. The last graph shows 60 percent precipitation and a 25 percent reduction in consumption. In this event storage does not fall below 50 billion-gallons.

This, Mr. Nothenberg stated, is why a 25 percent reduction goal has been accepted. The proposed program will be a combination of economic disincentives, education and the possibility of mechanical reduction in the volume of water supplies. He urged the Commission to direct the Water Department to develop a program. It is expected there will be a public hearing on March 22, 1977. The effective date to begin rationing will probably be the first week in April.

Regarding participation in State allocation of water, we have given an affirmative answer. Water deliveries to fish hatcheries below Moccasin will be investigated. Fish should either be moved or water use reduced.

In answer to a question from Commissioner Henning, Mr. Eugene Kelleher, Acting Assistant General Manager of the Water Department, reported that his staff has been working on conservation data. Selected meters were read at the end of January, and were read again on the 15th of February to get an idea of how much each consumer is conserving. This varied from 9 to 22 percent in residential areas. Industrial consumption is down about 10 percent, and school consumption is down 18 percent. Water consumption at the Zoo decreased 55 percent. Mr. Kelleher advised that overall water consumption is down about 15 percent from 1976.

Commissioner Henning inquired about communication with resale customers. Mr. Kelleher replied that resale customers will be advised to reduce consumption by 25 percent if the proposed resolution is passed.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Henning, Mr. Kelleher said Water Department staff contacted certain business and industrial users

in San Francisco about setting up a committee to coordinate water conservation efforts. He said the Water Department staff met with resale customers and the Apartment House Association. Resale customers have a committee.

It was decided that a special meeting would be held March 4, 1977, at 4:00 p.m. to set guide lines for the Water Department program of conservation.

Commissioner Flynn pointed out that water consumption is lower now than in the summer, and that hotels are using less water this time of year.

Mr. Kelleher stated that there is a distortion in comparison of usage in January and August, but if we get a reduction in usage now we will be able to get a reduction as we get into irrigation time.

Mr. Oral L. Moore, General Manager, Hetch Hetchy Water and Power System, explained that precipitation usually ends in mid-April. If no more rain occurs until then, the percentage of precipitation will be 40 percent less than normal. The snow melt period is from April 1 to June and water is available in mountain reservoirs seven days away from San Francisco.

Resolution No. 77-0084 was unanimously adopted by the Commission, setting March 22, 1977, at 2:30 p.m. as the date for public hearing concerning proposals of charges and penalties for excessive use of water.

Municipal Railway Reorganization

Mr. Nothenberg stated that in 1975 the commission proposed a Municipal Railway reorganization study to the Civil Service Commission. The subject is now being considered again. At present the planning function within Muni is fragmented, with some positions funded by MTC, and others by the taxpayers. A planning function for Muni needs to be centralized under one individual and should be located at Muni and be responsible to the Municipal Railway General Manager. A planning office will be established at Muni with a Director of Planning. The Bureau of Transportation will be abolished, and personnel and functions of said bureau will be assigned to the Director of Planning.

Mr. Nothenberg read a letter from MTC, which is made a part of these minutes.

According to Mr. Nothenberg, the other major element--a deputy for finance and administration--has already been adopted in a program in Civil Service.

An attempt is being made to transfer several functions from the Bureau line to the Municipal Railway line. It is proposed to make the public service function and performance basically a Municipal Railway responsibility. A Safety Bureau has already been established, and some functions at the bureau level would be under the control and the responsibility of the Muni General Manager.

By transferring the planning function, the public service function and the personnel function to Muni there will be an additional cost of \$161,000 to Muni. These are Muni functions and should be funded by and responsible to the Municipal Railway General Manager.

The additional cost for a Deputy for Finance and Administration would be \$45,000, including fringe benefits.

There would be a total cost of \$217,000 annually for this reorganization.

A letter would be directed to Civil Service outlining the proposed changes in the plan, and requesting that Civil Service study it. A supplemental appropriation would be requested. The proposed plan would not be implemented until the beginning of the new fiscal year, and could be accomplished by regular budgetary procedures.

Mr. Nothenberg stated that individual's job rights and rights to pensions and other benefits will be protected.

When the Bureau of Safety is established, a decision will have to be made as to where the training of personnel will take place.

There then followed a discussion between Commissioners and staff regarding the protection of rights under Civil Service of those people transferred to newly created positions in the Municipal Railway. Individuals who are not reassigned will retain accrued benefits at the time they leave the Public Utilities Commission General Office.

President Henning stated that the comments of CAP-trans have been received by the Commission.

In response to comments from Mr. Maurice Klebolt of CAP-trans, Commissioner H. Welton Flynn explained that the original proposed reorganization plan was adopted in concept in 1975. There was a public meeting, and the plan was then forwarded to Civil Service.

Mr. Nothenberg said Civil Service did not begin to study the plan until January 1977. The original plan will be amended in two respects. There would be a Deputy of Finance and Administration, and a Director of Planning instead of a Bureau of Transportation.

President Henning advised that the matter will be debated when it is returned to the Commission from Civil Service.

Commissioner Peter McCrea stated that he wants to read the CAP-trans document before passing final judgment on it.

Mr. Nothenberg advised that he has met with Mr. Roger Boas, Chief Administrative Officer, and Mr. Boas is aware of the problems of purchasing and storeroom functions.

Item No. 16--Review and approve a plan for Muni Railway security in cooperation with the Police Department, assigning one lieutenant, two sergeants and ten police officers to the Municipal Railway--these police personnel to train top CETA persons who will work directly with and under the supervision of the assigned regular police officers.

Mr. Nothenberg reported that a plan has been developed in cooperation with the Police Department, the Mayor's Office and Muni to reduce crime on the transit system. A full time lieutenant, two sergeants and ten police officers are to be devoted entirely to the Municipal Railway. They will be responsible to Capt. Donald Taylor and will report to him. Police will train 103 CETA persons, who will not be armed, but are authorized to be armed, and will have the power of arrest. The cost will be about \$16,000, with a matching amount being put up by the Police Department. This would create a Municipal Railway security force within the Police Department structure. The Finance Committee will hear this matter tomorrow, and if acceptable a proposal will be forwarded to L.E.A.A.

President Henning inquired if women were to be included in the program, and Commissioner Lydia Larsen also indicated that that was her concern.

President Henning inquired about the Carl Street section of track which was discussed at the PuC meeting of February 8, 1977.

Mr. Rino Bei, Manager, Transit Improvement Program, stated he is working with UMTA to have this section of track inspected. The Federal Railway Administration was contacted, and their personnel were all on assignment in the field. The Washington, D. C. office was contacted and Muni was informed the request would have to come through the UMTA level to the Federal Railway level in Washington, which would require considerable time. The National Transportation Safety Board in Washington was contacted. They advised that they are an investigative agency and investigate accidents. A couple of people in the NTSB's Oakland Office were contacted. They were quite busy, but said they did not care to participate as they could not spare the staff. Retired consulting engineers at Western Pacific and Southern Pacific were contacted. The engineer from S. P. said he was involved in other work, and the engineer from W. P. said he had done some work for the contractor. The faculty of U. C. has no Railway Engineering professor as such. Mr. William Venuti, a professor of Civil Engineering, San Jose State University, agreed to undertake the job, and will inspect the section of track on February 25, 1977.

Commissioner Henning pointed out that the contractor is ready to pour cement. Mr. Bei stated that the section of track in question will not be covered.

Commissioner Larsen requested a list in writing of the people and agencies contacted in case some problem should develop. Mr. Bei said he would furnish such a list.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn inquired about the time schedule, and Mr. Bei replied that the contractor is going ahead with work on other parts of the job. Mr. Bei also stated that if the City stops work by a contractor there is nothing the City can do if he files a claim. However, the Vice President of the firm has agreed that work will be performed in other areas first.

President Henning asked about the maintenance program.

Mr. Rino Bei reported that 47 employees have been hired from 186 requisitions submitted--28 mechanics out of 38 requested have been hired. Some mechanics have come from Yellow Cab Co., and Muni is working with the unions and Civil Service to hire more mechanics. Since the program began, 25 engines out of 34 have been repaired, 7 buses have been returned to service, 12 streetcars have been repaired, and 6 cable cars have been returned to service. Fifty vehicles have been returned to service that were not operational January 1. This is ahead of schedule.

Mr. Green reported that for the past two weeks no cable car runs have been missed, and as of February 18, 1977 the Kirkland Division had two more buses than needed.

Mr. Bei reported that of the streetcars still out of service 9 are Toronto cars, which were sold to Muni for \$1,000 each.

Commissioner McCrea asked if there were enough drivers. Mr. Green replied that there are now 20 people in a class, 16 of whom will be working tomorrow. Another class of 20 will be started next week, and there are at present enough drivers.

Mr. Patrick J. Phillips, Program Director, Safety, reported on the OSHA program, stating there are 126 OSHA citations not yet abated. Most of these will require contracting or additional funds.

Commissioner Flynn requested that copies of audit reports on the Sunol Golf Course be given to all Commissioners. Mr. Eugene Kelleher said this would be done.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:05 p.m.

Margaret L. Brady
Acting Secretary

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Room 282, City Hall

2:40 p.m.

March 8, 1977

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Call to Order: 2:40 p.m.

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Lydia Larsen,
H. Walton Flynn, Joseph P. Byrne, Peter McCrea

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 22, 1977 were amended and approved.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0096 M

Opposing operation of inter-urban passenger buses on Market Street by another transit authority

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0097 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block 304, Lot 2
Arthur Wayne
\$214.55

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0098 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block 707, Lot 1
Harry Shifs
\$118.01

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0099 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block 664, Lot 13
Octavia Investment Co.
\$229.98

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0100 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block 2183, Lot 1
Raul Gonzalez
\$124.76

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0101 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block 6933, Lot 40
Ocean Avenue Property
\$202.94

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0102 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block 7060, Lot 28
Eleanor Fu
\$346.30

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0104 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block 7084, Lot 47
Ralph L. Booker
\$100.89

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0105 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block 5327, Lot 4
Taft Clemens
\$104.90

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0106 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block 3705, Lot 42
Buckbee Thorne & Co.
\$118.18

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0107 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block 661, Lot 30
Shirley McChesney
\$340.92

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0108 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block 339, Lot 43
William Shapiro
\$256.05

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0110 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block 298, Lot 8
Robert G. Sheppard
\$436.71

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0111 M

Revising rates and fares charged for youths to and from Candlestick Park

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0112 H

Supplemental appropriation funding EIR for Lake Lloyd weather modification program - \$35,000

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0113 H

Supplemental appropriation funding correction of clerical errors for various classes - \$4,698

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0114 H

Supplemental appropriation reflecting compensation adjustment for various classes - \$1,175

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0115 H

Bid call for HH Contract No. 552 for underground power facilities and related work

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0116 H

Awarding HH Contract No. 548 to Joseph DiGiorgio & Sons, Inc., of San Rafael for construction of Taraval Substation - \$253,950

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0117 H

Debit modification no. 1 on HH Contract No. 563 installing conduits bypassing damaged existing ducts - \$9,595

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0118 W Supplemental appropriation funding corrections in pay for various classes - \$18,792
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0119 W Bid call for WD Contract No. 1721 to recondition San Andreas Pipeline No. 1
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0120 W Bid call for WD Contract No. 1715 for main installation
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0121 W Approving additional work under professional services contract 149 with W. A. Wahler and Associates increasing maximum consultant's fee from \$350,000 to \$379,770
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0122 W Credit modification of \$6,510.10 and final payment on WD Contract No. 1697
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0123 W Settlement of litigated claim of National Bridge Co. vs. CCSF by payment to plaintiff of \$3,333.33
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0124 W Collection of claims for damages for February - \$976.81
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0125 M Awarding MR Contract No. 637 to McGuire and Hester of Oakland - \$481,340

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0126 M Credit modification No. 2 for \$12,109.30 and final payment on Contract No. 620

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0127 M Debit modification No. 5 for installation of track drains under MR Contract No. 618 - \$996

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0128 M Collection of claim from Neil E. Wright - \$1,975.12

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0129 M Collection of claims against miscellaneous debtors for January - \$5,616.38

Vote: Ayes-5,616.38

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0130 M Payment of claims from revolving fund for January - \$26,513.67

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0095 M Settlement of claims against Railway - \$58,513.74

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0131 GO Authorizing Acting General Manager or Secretary of PUC file supplemental budgets for fiscal year 1977-78

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0132 GO

Commending Margaret L. Brady for job done as Acting Secretary of PUC and making George L. Carey Acting Secretary upon her departure

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0133 W

Agreement to transfer water from Metropolitan Water District to Marin Municipal Water District through facilities of San Francisco Water Department

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0134 M

Approving proposal for Planning and implementation of Transit Services for the Transit-Dysfunctional Handicapped and Elderly for the San Francisco Municipal Railway and its forwarding to MTC

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Acting Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

The minutes of the meeting of February 22, 1977, were amended to include the following paragraph on page 77-44, to be inserted before the last paragraph. "Commissioner McCrea and Commissioner Henning requested not only copies of the maintenance report, but also a projection of the maintenance and time table of completion."

With the above amendment, the minutes of February 22, 1977, were unanimously approved by the Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Rudolf Nothenberg, Acting General Manager of Public Utilities, reported as follows:

Water Department

A preliminary meeting was held on March 4, 1977, during which principles for a equitable water rationing plan were discussed. This plan is available for public review at the Water Department and at the Public Utilities Commission General Office. Comments are expected to be received before March 22, and the plan is subject to modification. Passing a resolution will not result in saving water. In order to get the attention of the people a broad-gauge community relations program will be required. Economic disincentives will not be enough. People who do not follow the news or receive water bills will have to be reached. Progress in this effort will be reported to the Commission at the meeting of March 22, 1977.

Municipal Railway

Mr. Nothenberg discussed the monthly report on emergency maintenance, and the monthly progress report of the Safety Director. The request for a supplemental appropriation for \$400,000 for correction of CAL/OSHA violations has been reduced to \$200,000, and is scheduled for consideration by the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors on March 9, 1977. Detailed information concerning the justification for the additional \$200,000 has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors' Budget Analyst for review.

On March 9, 1977, the Board of Supervisors will hold a hearing on the application of SAM-TRANS to use some of their vehicles on Market Street. According to Muni staff, it would be a mistake to add another carrier to Market Street. People should be encouraged to use public transportation from the Peninsula; but there are other possibilities. Staff of Muni can negotiate with SAM-TRANS on alternatives acceptable to Muni.

On motion of Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner McCrea, Resolution No. 77-0096--opposing the operation of inter-urban passenger motor buses on Market Street by another transit authority and urging consideration of alternatives, was unanimously adopted by the Commission.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

President Henning introduced discussion of the recent sale of surplus Muni trolley coaches, and the suit to enjoin the sale on the basis of violation of the Brown Act. The City Attorney states that the Court has discharged the temporary order, leaving the sale clear. The Commission feels, according to President Henning, that it lost jurisdiction to the Purchaser of Supplies in September when the property was declared surplus and the sale subsequently consummated.

John Elberling of CAP-Trans, the adversary party, stated that the buyer, TEMPCO, has not put up the money, which should have been done within five days after February 1, 1977. Therefore, City does not have a buyer. He said there will be another hearing on final judgment.

Commissioner McCrea said that TEMPCO's failure to produce payment is somewhat mitigated by circumstances. If the sale is not concluded, we are opening ourselves to a suit.

Mr. McMorris Dow, Deputy City Attorney, said the coaches will be ready in March and that is the date provided in the Invitation for Proposals. The Purchaser has sold the coaches to a good buyer who has five days to pay after due notification. An injunction was never issued by the Court.

After further discussion among the Commissioners, Mr. Dow and Mr. Oppenheimer, Commissioner Henning said the matter rests with the Chief Administrative Officer and the Purchaser.

Commissioner McCrea raised the question of writing a letter to the Purchaser holding up closing of the sale until all legal questions were resolved.

Commissioner Henning replied that such a letter could be evidence of anticipatory breach of contract.

Mr. Dow again advised the Commission that the Court issued no order preventing sale of the buses.

According to Commissioner Henning, the Commission's concern that all legal requirements of the sale had been met should be reflected in the minutes and transmitted to the Purchaser.

Roll call was taken on the issue of permitting Mr. Elberling to make further statements. Commissioners Henning, Flynn and Byrne voted to to cease debate; and Commissioners Larsen and McCrea voted to continue debate.

Commissioner Byrne stated he has received many letters and telephone calls concerning the appointment of a General Manager of Public Utilities. He also has done some checking, and several people in the bay area and in the Utilities organization are qualified for this post.

A motion was made by Commissioner Byrne, seconded by Commissioner Flynn and unanimously approved by the Commission that applicants be interviewed for this position.

Item No. 9--Water Department lien proceedings: Commission Secretary Margaret L. Brady read a letter from Mr. Steve Sheldon, requesting that the amount due be voided. President Henning directed that Mr. Sheldon review his account with Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, Acting General Manager of the Water Department, and that the matter be put over.

Ms. Eleanor Fu was present and protested the lien to be placed against her property. President Henning directed that Ms. Fu make an appointment with Mr. Boyd to discuss the matter, which was put over.

At the request of Mr. William McGongle, lien to be placed against his property was also put over.

Commissioner Byrne inquired if it would be possible for the computer to "kick out" overdue bills.

Mr. Boyd replied that billings are bi-monthly and it isn't until after four months that bills unpaid from the first two-month period are technically delinquent. In one three-month period 23 accounts were delinquent in amounts over \$100. To avoid some of these delinquencies it would be necessary to hire more staff. Also, thousands of people pay about the time they receive the second bill. Mr. Boyd stated he would review the situation and furnish a report to the Commission.

President Henning stated he would like to have some exploration of alternatives and methods pursued by other utilities.

Resolution No. 77-0111--Public Hearing to consider the revision of the schedule of rates and fares charged by the Municipal Railway for youths to and from Candlestick Park.

Mr. Curtis E. Green, General Manager, Municipal Railway, stated this is an opportunity to offer young people under 18 years of age a chance to go to Giants' home games at a fare that will encourage them to attend. The Giants will allow 2500 youths free admittance to 77 home games. During the season 200,000 tickets will be available. Muni is requesting that the 80¢ round trip fare be reduced to 10¢. Minimum service to Candlestick Park involves 21 buses, and maximum service, 100 buses; and many empty seats have been available, even on minimum service. If there is a reasonable response to this service, it would cost less.

than \$10,000 for the season, and there are other benefits to the community. Tickets will be given out by the San Francisco Police Department.

Mr. Bill O'Keefe, representing Supervisor John Barbagelata, then spoke, stating this is a worthwhile civic endeavor. Often the stands are empty, and this is basically an effort to generate goodwill between the police and juveniles. There will be a tight control on tickets, which will be carried on a one week basis to police stations. In order to obtain tickets, youths must go to a police station and give their names and telephone numbers.

President Henning asked Mr. Green about the status of the CETA program on buses.

Mr. Green reported there is reluctance by the Board of Supervisors and the San Francisco Police Department to arm all of these employees. Twenty CETA employees now in the program were on a Civil Service list as having met qualifications to carry arms. However, the Police Department will arm very few. Capt. Donald Taylor will be in direct control of the program, and he will make these decisions. All arms carried by CETA personnel will be equipped with safety devices.

Commissioner Henning said it would be necessary to have a number of female CETA personnel as a practical need to deal with female passengers.

Mr. Green reported that out of the last class of 26, five were young women.

Commissioner Henning requested a status report on the Tuolumne River water level problems in connection with the Department of the Interior.

Mr. Oral L. Moore, General Manager, Hetch Hetchy Water and Power, reported that in the late 1950's under the terms of the 1955 power bond issue, Hetch Hetchy had an approved right-of-way from the Department of the Interior on the south side of the Tuolumne River--located there because the Hetch Hetchy railway was constructed on that side. Subsequently Hetch Hetchy applied to change the right-of-way to the north side of the canyon and the request was granted under the condition that the City and County of San Francisco make certain water releases to maintain a "living stream." The agreement further provided that after a period of study on the part of a Federal agency, said agency would recommend advisable flows to the Secretary of the Interior. Studies were completed in the early 1960's. A report has been under submission by the Bureau of Sports, Fish and Wildlife which recommends that fish releases be approximately doubled. The economic value of such doubling would be \$3/4 million to \$1 million annually. A hearing has been requested, as the ability of Hetch Hetchy to provide domestic water would be reduced.

Commissioner Henning asked if the City has any legal or contractual obligations, to which Mr. Moore replied that we have an agreement with the Interior Department, which Department is asking that releases be doubled. At this time 24 million gals. of water are released daily.

Commissioner Henning stated it is unconscionable for the Department of the Interior to mandate doubling releases. He stated he would like to reaffirm the opposition of the Commission, and would like to pursue every means to shut off these releases, as the situation is entirely different today than in the 1950's.

Responding to a question from Commissioner McCrea, Mr. Moore said San Francisco receives credit for in-flows to Don Pedro Reservoir and we are using our credit this year. San Francisco has a 50 percent interest in Don Pedro Reservoir, but can't put the water into the aqueduct and bring it to San Francisco or put it through the power houses. If this water were not released it could be put through the power houses. If this water were not released it could be put through the power houses and into the aqueduct. The possible doubling of water released was not taken into consideration when water needs were projected for conservation discussions. However, it is not anticipated that this doubling of releases will be put into effect for a number of years. Hetch Hetchy and the Districts are contending that an environmental impact report will have to be made, and then the matter will be taken to Court.

Commissioner Henning stated adjustments should be calculated in case San Francisco is required to double the flow in twelve months time. Also, every legal and political means available should be pursued to reduce the current flow guarantees which are unjustified in our present drought situation.

Resolution No. 77-0116--Awarding HH Contract No. 548, in amount of \$253,950 to Joseph DiGiorgio & Sons, Inc., of San Rafael, California, for construction of building and installation of equipment, Taraval Substation (Power Improvement Program).

Mr. Moore reported that a protest was made by the fifth lowest bidder, based on the fact that his proposal met the affirmative action requirements, and that the proposal of Di Giorgio & Sons, Inc. did not meet those requirements. Mr. George L. Newkirk, Contract Compliance Officer, met with the contractor, who has assured Hetch Hetchy in writing that he will meet the requirements, and Mr. Newkirk is satisfied.

Resolution No. 77-0122--Approving additional work under Professional Services Contract PS-149 by W. A. Wahler and Associates at Lower Crystal Springs Dam, and increasing maximum consultant's fee from \$350,500 to \$379,770 to cover the additional work needed.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn stated that the engineer's estimate for this work was \$425,000. The low bid was \$345,000, but modifications of low bids are always in danger of exceeding the Department's original estimate.

Mr. Boyd stated that because of a seismic problem it is necessary to obtain the approval of the State Division of Safety of Dams.

Mr. Boyd then introduced Mr. J. G. Wulff, Chief Engineer, W. A. Wahler and Associates, who stated that in August an interim report was prepared for the City and the State Division of Safety of Dams. In January the contents of the report were accepted. However, because of the proximity of the San Andreas fault, it was felt that additional review was needed. Consultant is ready to go into dynamic analysis of the dam, and the program from now on will be based upon computer results. Mr. Boyd said that concern for dam safety in other sections of the country have highlighted the subject of structural integrity. He added that nothing has developed to question the safety of Crystal Springs Dam.

In discussing Resolution No. 77-0132, President Henning stated that Acting Secretary to the Commission Mrs. Margaret L. Brady will undertake duties as Executive Director of the San Francisco Parking Authority effective March 16, 1977. Commissioner Henning said he is very grateful for her services to the Commission, and that the members of the Commission will dearly miss her. Her replacement as Acting Secretary to the Commission will be Mr. George L. Carey.

Commissioner Byrne added that he joins other members of the Commission in appreciation for Mrs. Brady's service.

Resolution No. 77-0134--Approving the proposal for the Planning and Implementation of Transit Services for the Transit-Dysfunctional Handicapped and Elderly for the San Francisco Municipal Railway, to be forwarded to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Acting Secretary Margaret L. Brady stated there had been a meeting of the Subcommittee chaired by Commissioner Larsen on March 7, 1977. One or two minor changes in wording were made in the proposal which is now before the Commission.

Mr. Maurice Klebolt of CAP-Trans said he worked with Commissioner Larsen, and CAP-Trans finds the amended version totally acceptable.

Commissioner Henning applauded the efforts of everyone involved in the proposal, and stated the Commission is committed to a full access concept philosophy, and intends to implement the program during the following months.

Commissioner Larsen said she wished to thank each of the Commissioners for his involvement and work on the project. She stated that some people in the audience also devoted considerable time to the program.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:20 p.m.

Margaret L. Brady
Acting Secretary

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Board of Supervisors Chambers, City Hall

2:55 p.m.

March 22, 1977

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ACTING GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

George L. Carey

ACTING SECRETARY

Call to Order: 2:55 p.m.

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Lydia Larsen,
H. Melton Flynn, Joseph P. Byrne, Peter McCrea

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 3, 1977 were approved.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0136 H Approving mandatory water rationing program
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0137 W Approving penalties for excessive water use under rationing program
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0138 M Approving grant application for Federal operating assistance as provided by the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0139 H Awarding Contract No. 560 to Underground Construction Co, Inc. of San Leandro - \$329,847
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0140 H Debit modification No. 1 under Contract No. 529 - \$5,000
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0141 H Debit modification No. 7 under Contract No. 522 - \$5,000
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0142 H Debit Modification No. 1 under Contract No. 517 - \$3,000
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0143 H Debit modificaton No. 1 under Contract No. 553 - \$1,645.45
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0144 H Completion of HH Contract No. 539
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0145 H Approving Department of Public Works proposal for street lighting construction
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0146 H Approving Department of Public Works proposal for street lighting construction
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0147 H Approving Department of Public Works proposal for street lighting construction
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0148 W Bid call for Contract No. 1724 for main construction
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0149 W Authorizing City Attorney to have judgment entered in Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 470504-5
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0150 M Approving funds available to S.F. under Transportation Development Act

Vote. Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0151 M Debit modification No. 2 under Contract No. 631 - \$13,014.38

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0152 M Debit modification No. 3 under Contract No. 631 - \$10,534

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0153 H Approving travel expenses for Thomas J. Mullaney - \$559.99

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0135 M Requesting warrants settling claims - \$32,194.13

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0154 G Adopting conflict of interest code

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

Copies of the above resolutions are in the office of the Acting Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

REMARKS BY MAYOR GEORGE R. MOSCONE

Mayor Moscone stated that no matter how carefully drawn the regulations are, they will fail unless users understand two things. First, it must be clearly understood that we are in the most desperate situation since the experience of World War II has required much personal sacrifice. Secondly, the Board of Supervisors must appreciate the rules and regulations that will be required for conservation and make every conscientious effort and sacrifice. The Board must be able to conserve even less water than authorized.

A majority of residents of this City are renters and residents of multiple dwellings, and do not have their individual water use measured by meter. These people can create hardships for those of good heart while they enjoy overuse of water. Apartment houses do not have separate meters for each unit. This is appreciated by the California legislature. Senator Alquist is introducing a measure mandating water meters for every single household.

The proposal allows for flexibility. We must not provide undue hardship for some people and windfalls for others. There will be an average of 25 percent reduction in water use, and 10 percent in the case of industries using processed water so as not to impose undue hardship and risk unemployment.

The people who are anxious to make the sacrifice must be helped to educate themselves as to how they can do it.

Regarding irrigation of landscaping, Mayor Moscone stated he has found the amount of water most people have used is not essential for clean and harmonious vegetation.

The Mayor views with circumspection arguments that the net result of the increased cost of water will necessarily result in an increase in the cost of living in San Francisco. A 48 percent increase in the cost of water at a time when water service is being reduced by 25 percent ought not to result in a significant increase in rents.

No one should be able to buy more water because they are financially able to do so. Excessive use of water should bring additional charges, and perhaps, the restriction of flow. If that does not get serious consideration should be given to turning off the water completely.

The Mayor stated he is confident the people of San Francisco will comply with the water rationing program.

COMMUNICATIONS

Several communications were received regarding the water rationing program. President Hennrich asked that the Acting Secretary make these part of the record.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Rudolf Nothenberg, Acting General Manager of Public Utilities, reported as follows:

Water Rationing Program

Mr. Nothenberg agrees with the Mayor that we must have regulations which will institute an over-all reduction in water usage of 25 percent. People must be motivated to reduce water consumption. This will be the difference between winning and losing.

There will be penalties for excessive usage.

There will be a 48 percent increase in water rates--33 percent of which is made necessary by the reduction in water consumption. Earlier this year the Commission requested a 20 percent increase in water rates, but the request was returned to the Commission at our request by the Board of Supervisors when the decision was made to effect a mandatory program.

REPORT OF THE ACTING GENERAL MANAGER OF WATER DEPARTMENT

Mr. Kenneth E. Boyd, Acting General Manager of the Water Department, reported that a mandatory water rationing program was submitted to the Commission on March 1, 1969, and that the Department is now recommending fundamentally the same plan. However, public input has indicated that certain additional features should be added.

Absolute equity is an impossibility, but the program must be as fair as possible to as many people as possible. A prime consideration is equitable availability of water whether in apartments or individual

businesses. This is necessary to prevent unemployment. A reasonable growth of population and new construction should be allowed. Landscaping should be maintained at survival level. The plan imposes the least possible cost on the public, and several methods were reviewed.

The method used by East Bay Municipal Utility District is based on allocations to dwelling units as such, with great emphasis on irrigation allotments. This did not appear to be feasible for San Francisco, as the East Bay plan allows more water than many San Franciscans ordinarily use. Also, water consumption varies by district in San Francisco and some apartment houses have washing machines and some do not.

Marin County allows 49 gallons for a one person household. A second person reduces the amount to 43 gallons each; three people receive 41 gallons each; and four people receive 37 gallons each. This plan doesn't take into consideration infants, invalids, or people with heavy jobs. It is dependent upon a census. A census in San Francisco would be a multi-language census. This plan doesn't allow for landscaping even at survival levels.

Water Department staff then considered a percentage allocation plan, which is better suited to San Francisco. Because there are many elderly people of limited means living one to a dwelling place. The first 300 cu. ft. of water is exempt from the reduction program. Following thereafter will be a 30 percent reduction in the water allotment from 300 cu. ft. up to 3,000 cu. ft. each two months, and a 25 percent reduction at least in all irrigation uses.

The amount of water to be used will be on the basis of average use in comparable periods of last year when most people were using water in a normal fashion. This allows for climatic conditions, and variations can be taken into account and exceptions can be identified, by looking at the home or apartment history.

A 25 percent reduction in commercial, business and governmental water use is being recommended, and a 10 percent reduction where water is essential to business, such as a brewery, tannery or laundromat.

All resale customers will be requested to reduce their water use by 25 percent.

The Water Department will require more employees and more funds for additional meter reading, answering inquiries, processing applications and field contact with consumers.

Steps have been taken to conduct a positive campaign by means of bulk mailings, radio, T. V., messages with bills, and lectures to various groups.

Mr. Boyd then had plastic devices to install behind shower heads passed out to the audience. These will reduce the flow of water to three gallons a minute. They are available at fire houses in San Francisco, and at the San Francisco Water Department.

To insure fairness about 1800 accounts are being read monthly. Staff is monitoring 40 groups of 400 services each in various residential zones to determine if the public is accepting the proposed program.

Mr. Boyd then discussed the proposed water allocations, rules regulations and restrictions necessary to effect a 25 percent reduction in the San Francisco Water Department's service area. These are set forth in pamphlet entitled, "Recommended Mandatory Water Rationing Program" of March 7, 1977, revised March 22, 1977.

Recommended penalties for water use in excess of allotment were then discussed by Mr. Boyd. These are set forth in Schedule W-42 - Water Use in Excess of Allotment, and Schedule W-43 - Flow Restricting Installations.

Item 9-C--Revised Water Rates for San Francisco and Suburban Customers was then discussed by Commissioners and Staff.

Mr. Boyd explained that the Water Department has volunteered a reduction of \$4.4 million from its 1977-78 budget, explaining that essential improvements could be postponed a year. Thus, the rate increase could be held to 48 percent. He stated that East Bay Municipal Utility District is now considering an increase in water rates of 62-1/2 percent.

Mr. Boyd stated that at 1:30 p.m. today it was determined that the Water Department would be able to give all regular customers the entire year's allotment broken into segments. This information will be in the mail within three weeks.

In response to a question from Commissioner McCrea, Mr. Boyd said that allocations to all residential units will be the same.

In response to a question from Commissioner Larsen, Mr. Boyd said that regular reports will be made to the Commission on the number of appeals and their disposition, as well as the districts affected.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn inquired about excessive use of water--how the Water Department would decide to shut the water off. Mr. Boyd stated that second violations will be grounds for installing a restrictor. Regarding only use in apartment houses the Water Department staff will be advised by the City Attorney. The Board of Supervisors will be asked to enact an ordinance to subject violators to the police powers of the City.

President Henning then opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Arthur S. Hecht, Secretary, Senior Community Advisory Council for the Commission on Aging, made a statement, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary.

Mr. David Miller, representing the resale customers, stated they had retained the firm of Leeds, Hill and Jewett to study the severity of the crisis. Their report confirmed the Water Department conclusion that there is an absolute need to implement a 25 percent reduction in water usage. Their association has adopted a "model ordinance" which generally parallels the proposal of the Water Department. They will prepare a written text to present to the Commission. He requested that peculiar needs and varying climactic conditions of resale customers be considered.

Mr. Michael J. McLaughlin, representing Water Awareness Through Responsibility and Education, asked if a consumer could receive consideration for a violation in a given month if he had saved in excess of 25 percent in previous months. Mr. Boyd replied that staff is recommending to the Commission that the answer be "no."

Colonel Robert L. Rhea, General Manager, Westborough County Water District, stated he represents people who have already conserved 25 percent in the first half of the calendar year. He feels a 25 percent reduction on top of a reduction already achieved is unrealistic. Mr. Boyd stated that if such a person can prove such a saving, a double saving will not be demanded.

Mr. Peter Roverts asked about the sewer tax. Mr. Boyd replied the home owner pays a flat amount a month on this charge, and this charge is under the jurisdiction of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Frank H. Lucas of the Association of Automatic Laundries of Northern California, said that rationing will bring a horde of new customers.

to automatic laundries, and laundromats have to reduce water consumption by 10 percent. He suggested that rationing for laundries be based on the number of washes compared with the year before.

Mr. Boyd suggested that Mr. Lucas discuss this with staff of Water Department to see if an accommodation can be made.

Mrs. Odette M. LePendu made a statement, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary.

Mrs. Irene Zable, representing SPEAK, stated San Francisco has a concentration of non-residents who are employed in the City. She presented a chart of the amount of water consumed by these commuters, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary.

Mr. J. A. DuLac stated that water is central to his work, which is his residence. As no previous record exists of his water consumption, he would be entitled to no water. Mr. Boyd offered an amendment, Article 4, of the Recommended Mandatory Water Rationing Program, to cover this type of situation, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary.

Mr. Andre Piquet stated that the proposed plan is discriminatory against the poor in favor of the rich, and against the savers in favor of the wasters. If cuts are based on past records, the thrifts are discriminated against.

Mr. Jerry Menkin made a statement, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary.

Mr. Dick J. Van Aggelen, representing himself and San Francisco Consumer Action, spoke. A copy of his statement is on file with the Secretary.

Mr. Richard Brown said a committee should be set up to determine the minimum amount below which a family should not be restricted. There are three in his family, including a baby, and they conserved water last year, and now are being penalized. Mr. Boyd advised that when the exception process is set up he should seek an exception--that there are an estimated 2,000 similar cases in San Francisco that will require adjustment.

Mr. Kamini K. Gupta, representing the Council of District Merchants, advocated cancelling conventions and reducing employments in San Francisco. He said the people in San Francisco should be preferred over others, as they bought the system in the first place.

Mr. Alec S. Bash, of the Department of City Planning, distributed a letter to the Commissioners from R. Spencer Steele, Acting Director of Planning, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary.

Edward Garcis stated he has built a reservoir behind his home to hold 1500 gallons of water. He uses this water to wash his car, water his plants and fight fires.

Don Hesse of the Human Rights Commission said printed matter should be available to foreign language media. Mr. Boyd said this is being done.

Mrs. Winifred McCarthy, representing the Apartment House Association, requested a copy of the proposed plan.

Mr. William B. Kunsig, President, Residential Hotel Owners Association, stated there are more than 12,000 hotel rooms in San Francisco. Some \$11 million has been funnelled into the General Fund from Hetch Hetchy and funds are going into other departments, particularly Muni. Mr. Moore reported there will be no surplus funds this year. Mr. Kunsig inquired about the service charge of 5 percent. Mr. Boyd explained this is a utility tax, and is collected by the Water Department and transmitted to the City Treasurer.

Mr. Russ Lowe, representing Chinese for Affirmative Action, stated he is concerned about the lack of bi-lingual staff for implementation of this plan. Mr. Boyd advised that mailings will be made in three languages, and that some additional employments will be from these groups.

Mr. Ranger Craven said it is illegal to drill wells, and illegal to install water collecting devices. Mr. Boyd replied that waste water is governed by the Public Works Code. Water from wells probably would be highly contaminated. In San Francisco practically all water is for household use. Golden Gate Park is now using all of the recycled water possible, and under the new sewer projects, there will be an expansion to irrigate golf courses, etc.

Mrs. Jane Nurre of the League of Women Voters stated her organization supports the water rationing proposal, and supports long range planning.

Mr. Gordon Salter said the long range forecast is for a dry year and the forecast for next year is the same. He feels the Commission should investigate why the Water Department waited this long to institute rationing.

Mr. Clifford M. Boxley spoke on behalf of the poor people. He said there should be an exemption for the poor and elderly.

Mr. Mario Chaffo of the Spanish Speaking Foundation stated the information and educational campaign should also be in Spanish.

Mr. William Palmatier spoke on behalf of low income people. He said rationing to some people means not filling the swimming pool or not watering the lawn, but for low income people it is the real thing - not foregoing a luxury.

Mrs. Patty Loo said the allotment of water should not be based on last year's consumption only. Many people in San Francisco are renters whose water bills are paid by landlords, and some of these people are bad tenants and waste water.

There followed a discussion among Commissioners, staff, and Mr. George E. Baglin, Utilities General Counsel.

On motion of Commissioner Byrne, seconded by Commissioner McCrea, Resolution No. 77-0136--Mandatory Water Rationing Program--was amended to include an upper use limit of 40 units for each living unit under Rule A-1, and to incorporate Rule 4, and was thereupon unanimously adopted by the Commission.

Resolution No. 77-0137--Penalties for Excessive Water Use under Water Rationing Program.

On motion of Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner McCrea, this resolution was unanimously adopted.

Item 9-C and Item 9-D by unanimous vote of the Commission were continued until Tuesday, March 29, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 282.

Resolution No. 77-0138--Public Hearing to consider routine grant application for Federal operating assistance as provided by the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act (NMTA) of 1974.

Responding to a question from Commissioner McCrea, Mr. Curtis E. Green, General Manager, Municipal Railway, stated this year's grant is adequate and is a fair allocation.

Item 23--Approving the request for amendment in the amount of \$200,000 to the Planning, Operations and Marketing Study (POM) to establish maintenance systems and procedures at the Municipal Railway, and requesting the Board of Supervisors to approve reallocation of Title II funds to permit accomplishment of additional tasks under the Emergency Maintenance Program.

This item was taken off calendar and the Acting Secretary was directed to calendar it for the Public Utilities Commission meeting of 1977.

Resolution No. 77-0154--Adoption of a conflict of interest code pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Sections 87300, et seq. governing employees of the Commission and its Departments and Bureaus.

President Fleming inquired if the forms have been prepared. George L. Carey, Acting Secretary, replied that the Conflict of Interest Code must be approved by the Board of Supervisors before forms are prepared.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:20 p.m.

George L. Carey
Acting Secretary

MINUTES
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

2:37 p.m.

March 29, 1977

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SPECIAL MEETING

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ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

George L. Carey

ACTING SECRETARY

Call to Order: 2:37 p.m.

Present: Commissioners H. Welton Flynn, Joseph P. Byrne, Peter McCrea

Absent: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Lydia Larsen

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn presided.

RESOLUTION

NO.

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0155 W

Revising water rates

Vote: Ayes-Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0156 W

Supplemental appropriation providing funds for water rationing program - \$200.

Vote: Ayes-Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

The following resolution which was adopted March 25, 1977 in Executive Session was announced:

77-0158 G

Appointing John B. Wentz General Manager of Public Utilities

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Acting Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF RUDOLF NOTHENBERG, ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

An alternative method for funding Water Department operations, as suggested by the Commission at its meeting of March 22, 1977, will be submitted today during consideration of the rate matter. It contains two new features, and is referenced as Alternative 2.

First, after budget deliberations in the Mayor's Office, staff of the Water Department was able to further reduce funding requirements for the ensuing fiscal year. Revenue shortfall has been reduced from 15 percent to 10 percent; and the Department is now requesting a flat 10 percent increase.

The other portion of the increase would make up for a 25 percent loss in sales. A 33 percent increase is needed to maintain operations.

Under Alternate 1 there would be a percentage increase across the board and under Alternate 2, every user will pay a 9.7¢ per unit (100 cubic feet) charge for water in addition to a 10 percent increase. A comparison of what this will do to costs of water to typical residences and typical major users has been prepared by staff of the Water Department.

Mr. Nothenberg urged adoption of Alternative 2 if the Commission is convinced this plan will prove an economic disincentive to high water users.

Comparisons were made with six large users as to what the increases would be if straight percentage is applied to current rate blocks, or with a 10 percent across the board increase plus a flat fee for every unit of water used. The total annual cost to Treasure Island would be \$143,051 compared to \$164,551. Total cost to Lucky Lager would be \$39,840 compared to \$44,631. It is not known in the case of a large industry whether this increased cost would prove an effective disincentive.

It is believed that ultimately the Commission will have to look at the blockage system as a whole. Either Alternative 1 or Alternative 2 will provide the funds needed by the Water Department. Alternative 2 should provide economic disincentives for wanton use of water by large users and a small break to the small user.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, Acting General Manager of the Water Department, stated that a further reduction in the Water Department budget of approximately \$1,500,000 is being made.

Part of this reduction is in funds for equipment, temporary employees and various contractual services which are not being expended this year. No maintenance program is presently before the Commission. It will be deferred nor will any other program be diminished by this cut.

Under Alternative 2, while most of the home owners would pay a little less, the upward adjustments would affect about 1300 accounts; and for about 56 percent of these the additional increase would be less than \$12 a year. The greatest remaining number would be increased between \$12 and \$300 a year. There are two extremely large accounts which would receive very substantial increases.

Responding to a question from Commissioner McCrea, Mr. Boyd stated that Alternative 2 would raise the suburban customers by 43 percent across the board, and the San Francisco customers would be charged a 10 percent service increase plus a 9.7¢ unit charge for water, as opposed to Alternative 1 which would raise everyone by 43 percent.

Commissioner Flynn then opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Arthur S. Hecht, representing the Senior Community Advisory Council of the San Francisco Commission on the Aging, made a statement, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary.

Responding to a question from Mr. Hecht regarding the 9.7¢ per unit surcharge, Mr. Boyd explained that for normally doing business the Water Department needs a 10 percent increase in rates. However, because water sales will decrease by 25 percent the Department must make up 33 percent in revenue attributed only to the loss in water sales. The 33 percent or 9.7¢ a unit would provide the needed funds.

Regarding the "lifeline" rate, Commissioner Flynn suggested that this matter be discussed with Water Department staff, and that it be presented to the Commission at a subsequent date.

Ms. Ellen Johnck of San Francisco Tomorrow Energy Committee, said that large commercial concerns and governmental agencies receive water for practically nothing. They should begin to conserve and re-use water. Also, staff of the Water Department should initiate a study of the water rate structure with respect to these users. She stated a 10 percent increase across the board would support the proposal.

Commissioner McCrea stated he understands there is money in next year's budget to conduct a rate structure study. Commissioner McCrea asked if the in-house study would be adequate to justify restructuring the rates.

Mr. Boyd replied that it would be wise to retain a qualified expert in order to withstand legal challenge. He also said that by about November 15, 1977, the Water Department will indicate to the Commission substantially what the in-house costs will be.

Director Honig said the proposal to add a 9.7¢ per unit charge in addition to the 10 percent increase still seems to be a discrimination against the small consumer in favor of the large consumer. He made a statement, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary.

Ann Clayton, Executive Director of San Francisco Consumer Affairs, read a statement, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary.

Mr. Mini K. Gupta, representing the San Francisco Council of District Merchants Association, said if there is going to be a request for an increase in water rates, his association would oppose it before the Board of Supervisors. He stated that the Water Department should cut down on permanent and temporary personnel. Fixed costs should be suspended where possible, and should be obtained from the Federal Government. Capital expenditures should be stopped. The billing period should be extended to three or four months. Deliveries to the Peninsula should be cut. Water experts should reestablish the concept of riparian law.

Responding to Commissioner McCrea, Mr. Boyd advised that the City Attorney is working on an ordinance for the Board of Supervisors that would make violation of certain water regulations on wastage subject to code enforcement.

Mr. David J. Miller, representing the Bay Area Water Users Ass'n., said his association wants to work with San Francisco to effect water savings, and that given these needs for less consumption there must be increases in revenue.

He said it is his understanding that the matter of increased rates is predicated on the notion that the real contributions to be made by the suburban customers will remain unchanged and that his association can support one of the two proposals.

Responding to Commissioner McCrea, Mr. Miller said he did question the legality of penalties to suburban customers. However, he felt the overriding matter at this time is to get the rationing plan into effect, and that every effort should be made by all parties to avoid litigation.

Mr. Ray Rummel, Chief Engineer, City of Palo Alto, and Secretary to the Bay Area Water Users Ass'n., presented a report from Leeds, Hill and Jewett, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary. Mr. Rummel expressed "grave concern" for the future. If there is an additional year of sub-normal rainfall, the total water stored in Don Pedro Reservoir will be almost exhausted or down to a three month supply, and a long range contingency plan is urgently needed.

Mr. Boyd replied that staff of Water Department feels that a further analysis should be put off until the snow melt is in the reservoirs - after June. The possible rehabilitation of the old Sunset wells is being investigated. Staff study indicates that water level is at about 100 feet, and the water quality would be suitable to mix with San Francisco water. Mr. Boyd stated an independent study is dependent upon the approval of the Board of Supervisors and it will be necessary to request a supplemental appropriation.

Commissioner Flynn requested that the issue of "lifeline" rates be studied by staff for presentation to the Commission.

Mr. McMorris M. Dow, Deputy City Attorney, explained that the "lifeline" matter--which is actually a "householder's discount"--was re-viewed in October of 1976. The effect would have been to increase rates to suburban customers; and this was enjoined by the U. S. District Court.

Commissioner McCrea noted that many small users don't use meter service.

Boyd advised that a "lifeline" rate solely within San Francisco would not imbalance the payments. With regard to apartment houses, it becomes more complex, but not impossible.

Commissioner McCrea moved, with Commissioner Byrne seconding, to adopt Alternative 2, the incremental rate schedules. On roll call, the resolution 77-0155--revised water rates for San Francisco and San Mateo Counties--was unanimously adopted by the Commission.

On the motion of Commissioner McCrea, Resolution No. 77-0156--to provide for an appropriation in amount of \$1,000,000 to provide funds to establish a water rationing program--was unanimously adopted by roll call of the Commission.

On behalf of President Henning, Commissioner Flynn announced that an Executive Session of the Commission was held on March 25, 1977, at which time Mr. John B. Wentz was appointed General Manager of Public Utilities by Resolution No. 77-0158. Mr Wentz will be reporting for duty on Monday, April 4, 1977.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED - 3:40 p.m.

George L. Carey
Acting Secretary

M I N U T E S

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

2:53 p.m.

April 12, 1977

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GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

George L. Carey

ACTING SECRETARY

Call to Order: 2:42 p.m.

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., H. Welton Flynn,
Joseph P. Byrne, Peter McCrea

Commissioner Lydia Larsen arrived at 2:53 p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 22, 1977 and the Special Meeting of March 29, 1977 were approved and are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

RESOLUTION

NO.

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0159 H Authorizing agreement with U. S. Geological Survey providing engineering services - estimated amount \$47,400

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0160 H Bid call for HH Contract No. 562

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0161 H Awarding HH Contract No. 552 to Amelco Electric of San Francisco - \$238,950

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0162 H Completion of HH Contract 527

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0163 H Completion of HH Contract No. 477

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0164 H Approving Redevelopment Agency proposal for construction of street lighting system

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted.

- 77-0165 H Approving Department of Public Works proposal for street lighting construction
- Vote. Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0166 H Setting Tuesday, May 10, 1977 at 2:30 p.m. for public hearing to consider revision of rates charged for furnishing Hetch Hetchy power
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0167 W Awarding WD Contract No. 1722 to D. W. Nicholson Corporation of San Leandro for rehabilitation of Dumbarton Bridge pipeline - \$792,149
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0168 W Awarding WD Contract No. 1693 to Dalton Construction Company of Foster City for main installation - \$72,645
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0169 W Awarding WD Contract No. 1727 to Christner Co., Inc for main installation - \$6,361.50
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0170 W Write-off of uncollectible accounts for February - \$7,650.50
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0171 W Settlement of non-litigated claim of Galli Furniture Co. - \$2,670.98
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0172 W Supplemental appropriation for various salary adjustments - \$585
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0173 W Collection of claims against miscellaneous debtors for March - \$241.74
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0174 W Authorizing execution of agreement between Fremont and SFWD for joint use of road abutting City-owned land
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0175 M Dicut modification no. 6 for redesigning track alignment under MR Contract No. 618 - \$1,890
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0176 M Supplemental appropriation providing funds for payment to miscellaneous per diem employees - \$14,404
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0177 M Supplemental appropriation providing funds for supervisorial differential adjustment - \$14,379
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0178 M Supplemental appropriation providing additional compensation to miscellaneous per diem employees - \$3,485
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 0179 M Supplemental appropriation providing payment of supervisorial differential adjustment - \$1,14
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0180 M Supplemental appropriation providing cost of living increase got Class 7347 - \$337
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0181 M Supplemental appropriation providing funds for cost of living increase for Class 7358 - \$49
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0182 M Supplemental appropriation providing funds for addition and abolishment of certain positions - \$24
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0183 M Extension of No. 43-Roosevelt Way Line
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0184 M Increase in revolving fund settlement amount from \$1,500 to \$3,000
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0185 M Payment of claims for February - \$40,118.21
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0186 M Compromise and collection of claims against miscellaneous debtors for February - \$3,345.98
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0187 M Settlement of claims against Railway - \$4,550
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. John B. Wentz, General Manager of Public Utilities, reported as follows:

Cable Car System

On April 10, 1977 an incident occurred at Mason and Hyde Streets when the Mason cable car's grip did not drop the cable. The grip on the Hyde cable car hit the cable and stopped the car. It is assumed that the Mason cable grip is faulty, and that there was no operator error. There will be an engineering study. The Powell-Mason line was shut down until the morning of April 12, 1977. Six passengers received slight injuries. Service was provided by motor coaches.

Proposal of Alfred Eggen

For a number of years an employee of the Municipal Railway Cable Car Division, Mr. Alfred Eggen, has been proposing that the two cables used on the Powell-Mason line be combined. This operation, accomplished two weeks ago, will save about \$100,000 a year. Over \$34,000 will be saved in labor costs. Elimination of 1100 feet of cable and extended cable life will further reduce expenses by over \$14,000.

Mr. Curtis E. Green, General Manager of the Municipal Railway, commended Mr. Eggen's proposal, and then introduced Mr. Rod Bartholomew, General Superintendent of the Cable Car Division, who stated this operation will improve service, and will not cut back on employments.

Mr. Bartholomew then introduced Mr. Eggen, one of four wire rope mechanics in the Cable Car Division, who explained the changeover from two cables to one by the use of a chart. He stated it was impossible at times to make adequate repairs before the changeover, and it was necessary to discard cable because of two mechanical devices being on one track. The cable merger eliminates 1100 feet of cable; eliminates two 10-foot diameter sheaves (pulleys), one 8-foot sheave, and two 6-foot sheaves. It also eliminates 35 carrier pulleys and adds one 24-inch depression pulley.

President Henning stated that Mr. Eggen's work is a reflection of the dedication of City personnel. He extended the appreciation of the Commission to Mr. Eggen, and said that the Board of Supervisors and taxpayers would also appreciate the savings in money and maintenance.

A certificate of appreciation will be requested for Mr. Eggen from the Board of Supervisors, and the PUC will present a similar certificate. Mr. Henning mentioned that in the future little plaques might be placed on particular cable cars for contributions to the system. Best wishes and thanks were also extended to Mrs. Eggen.

Meeting of Transportation Policy Group

Mr. Wentz stated he attended his first meeting of this group. The preferential street program on Mission Street has been approved, and the work will be completed early in May. Signs giving times and routes of buses are going up this week on Polk Street north of Sutter Street. Also, work is well underway on the installation of new benches in this area. The Police Department will begin a survey of Stockton Street next week. Some truck zones will probably be established to facilitate parking. Travel time on Post Street has not been materially improved but regularity shows an improvement. There will be a public hearing on Geary and O'Farrell Streets (38 line) on April 15, 1977. Post, Geary and O'Farrell Streets east of Taylor Street are being studied. All day towaway on both sides of the street may be the answer.

Responding to a question from President Henning, Mr. Green advised that Mr. Dean Quinby is the liaison man with the Police Department.

Monthly Report of Safety Director

Mr. Wentz reported that 372 citations have been abated, and Muni is working on the remaining 80. The ten most serious citations have been corrected, and the only serious one left has to do with protection in the Cable Car Barn.

Responding to an inquiry from Commissioner Lydia Larsen, Mr. Wentz replied that a few more citations are being issued. For the most part, Muni is concentrating on the backlog and on maintaining a current level.

Water Rationing

Mr. Wentz reported that according to Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, Acting General Manager of the Water Department, water use is down 22 percent for the month of March on a system-wide basis. This is based on a sampling of customers in different categories.

President Henning asked about the breakdown City-wide, and Mr. Wentz replied that the resale accounts have a reduced consumption of 22.3 percent. This would indicate that City-wide reduction is "a shade" less than 22 percent.

Mr. Wentz then distributed copies of the Water Bulletin to the Commissioners. These bulletins, he explained, will be mailed to all customers beginning late today or tomorrow. Accompanying the bulletin will be a water allocation card for each customer for the balance of the year, indicating allocations for the various quarters. It is hoped that mailings will be completed by April 16, 1977. Excerpts will be printed in Spanish and Chinese and distributed to agencies in Spanish speaking and Chinese neighborhoods. Mr. Wentz said he has personally sent a bulletin to each member of the Board of Supervisors together with a summary of the program. The Board of Supervisors will hold a hearing on water rates at 2:00 p.m., April 25, 1977.

President Henning inquired about the exemption procedure covered under Rule 3A. Mr. Boyd explained that the basic rule has always called for a written application showing justification, but that Rule 3A allows the staff more discretion.

Mr. Wentz said he is proud of the job the staff has done. He distributed to members of the Commission a summary of Central Valley water conditions from Mr. Oral L. Moore, General Manager, Hetch Hetchy Water and Power.

Mr. Wentz then thanked the Commission and staff for the confidence expressed in him, and said it would be a pleasure to work for the City of San Francisco and with the Commission and staff.

NEW BUSINESS

McCarthy Bill

Mr. John M. Christensen, Jr., Assistant General Manager, Finance, reported that the Board of Supervisors has expressed in a resolution its agreement with the principles of this bill. The Board proposed that monies be returned to the Municipal Railway and AC Transit based on service provided, passengers carried, and other factors. These factors leading to a formula on which Muni could participate in the percent. Staff is working with representatives in Sacramento to assure that the final language of the bill preserves San Francisco's interest to the maximum. Commissioner McCrea requested that a resolution supporting the bill as appropriately modified be submitted.

Subcommittee on Handicapped Accessibility

Commissioner Lydia Larsen reported that on April 1, 1977, there was a meeting of the Subcommittee on Handicapped Accessibility. This Committee was phased out upon the election of representatives to the Board of Control. Mr. George L. Carey, Acting Secretary, Public Utilities Commission, will forward a letter to the Board of Supervisors the Planning Department and the Mayor's Office asking that the appointments be made quickly.

REGULAR CALENDAR

Resolution No. 77-0166--Setting Tuesday, May 10, 1977 at 2:30 p.m., for public hearing to consider the adoption of rate schedules to be charged by the Public Utilities Commission for furnishing Hetch Hetchy power to private consumers and municipal departments of the City and County of San Francisco.

Mr. George E. Baglin, Utilities General Counsel, advised that the case pending before the Ninth Circuit Court in no way deters us from moving ahead on this hearing.

President Henning asked Mr. Boyd to explain what is being done to upgrade wells last used in the early 1930's.

Mr. Boyd stated that with the possibility of another dry winter, staff is going over old records. These wells are in the Sunset District, and in 1930 pumped about 6-1/2 million gallons of water. The water level is approximately at the same level now, and water quality would hopefully be acceptable. Three of the wells are being investigated under a contract to determine whether casings are in good order, and a pump will be put down. Private wells in San Francisco are also being investigated, and there may be some that can be used for irrigation or sanitary purposes. A full report will be made at a later date.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Larsen, Mr. Boyd said that at present staff is not sure whether all 18 wells in the Sunset are useable. If the three now being investigated are good, others will be tested.

Commissioner Peter McCrea referred to the monthly report of the Emergency Maintenance Program, and stated he would like projections on the various production charts of the money being spent. Mr. Green and Rino Bei, Director of the Transit Improvement Program, assured him that projections of money spent would be made for each category of vehicle.

Item No. 25--Approving the request for amendment in the amount of \$200,000 to the Planning, Operations and Marketing Study (POM) to establish maintenance systems and procedures at the Municipal Railway, and requesting the Board of Supervisors to approve reallocation of Title II funds to permit accomplishment of additional tasks under the Emergency Maintenance Program. (Deferred from calendar of March 22, 1977.)

Responding to a question from Commissioner Larsen, Mr. Green stated that Muni wishes to perform additional work on the cable cars with the \$199,000 that is in the emergency maintenance program that could be released if Muni were to obtain these funds. After further discussion between Commission and staff, Commissioner Byrne moved and Commissioner Larsen seconded that this item be put over for two weeks, and this motion was unanimously passed by the Commission.

Resolution No 77-0193---Authorizing extension of No. 43-Masonic Line weekday nights, Saturday, Sunday and holidays from Presidio Avenue and Sacramento Street.

Mr. Green indicated with a chart the proposed extension. He stated that presently the No. 43 line ends at Sutter and Presidio Avenue. There is sufficient stop-over time at the terminal to extend the line to Sacramento Street and Presidio Avenue and provide connections for the No. 1 and No. 3 lines and the 55 Line, plus the Jewish Recreation Center and people living to the west of Presidio Avenue at no increased cost. The new terminal will be at California Street and Presidio Avenue, which is a daytime terminal for the No. 3 line.

After discussion between the Commission and staff concerning Forest Hill Station and the proposed cable car extension on Taylor Street, President Henning scheduled these items at the Public Utilities public meeting of April 26, 1977.

Mr. Rino Bei, who has been meeting with neighborhood groups regarding these two proposals for the last two years, said he will notify these groups that the topics will be heard.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:50 p.m.

George L. Carey
Acting Secretary

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

2:32 p.m.

April 26, 1977

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John B. Wentz

GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Romaine A. Smith

SECRETARY

Call to Order: 2:32 p.m.

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Lydia Larsen,
H. Melton Flynn, Peter McCrea

Absent: Commissioner Joseph P. Byrne

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 12, 1977 were approved and are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

Commissioner Henning was excused from the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and Commissioner Larsen presided.

RESOLUTION

NO.

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0189 H Supplemental appropriation providing for purchase of power for resale - \$5,232,000

Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0190 H Supplemental appropriation paying PG&E and Hetch Hetchy for supplying gas and electricity to public buildings - \$250,000

Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0191 H Bid call for BLHP No. 194

Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0192 H Extension of BLHP Contract No. 193

Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0193 H Bid call for HH Contract No. 573

Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0194 H Debit modification No. 1 providing for additional work under HH Contract No. 564 - \$5,000

Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0195 H Credit modification No. 1 providing for additional work under HH Contract No. 543 - \$2,755

Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0196 W Bid call for WD Contract No. 1713

Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0197 W Awarding WD Contract No. 1721 to Ameron, Inc., Pipe Lining Division of Wilmington, CA for reconditioning San Andreas Pipeline No. 1 - \$219,500

Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0198 W Credit modification of \$1,344.20 and accepting completion of WD Contract No. 1716

Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

Commissioner Henning returned at 5:40 p.m.

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0199 W Authorizing moratorium on grazing lease agreements

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0200 W Settlement of litigated claim of Michael John O'Donnell by payment to plaintiff of \$5,000

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0201 W Approving request for \$200,000 to Planning, Operations and Marketing Study and requesting Board of Supervisors to approve reallocation of Title II funds

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0202 M Restating support for extension of cable car Line No. 59

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0203 M Awarding MR Contract No. 634 to Johnson-Western Gunite of Oakland for crack repairs - \$342,350

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0187 M Requesting warrants in settlement of claims - \$32,600

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0204 M Affirming support of Assembly Bill No. 1107

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0205 M Approving conditions for accepting Federal Grant for planning and implementing transit services for elderly and handicapped

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0206 GO Approving \$1,200 travel expense advance for legal work in Muni Railway case

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. John B. Wentz, General Manager of Public Utilities:

Meeting with DOT Personnel

On April 18, 1977 Mr. Wentz and staff met with Department of Transportation personnel, Mr. Terrence Bracy, Assistant Secretary of DOT and with staffs of Department of Public Works and Planning. Early reorganization and staffing was urged for UMTA so we could move forward with our grant funding.

Budget Hearings

The Board of Supervisors budget analyst has suggested a significant cut in platform operator hours, and staff is working diligently against this proposed cut.

Security Program

Police Capt. Don Taylor has a good grasp of this program. CETA funds will be available May 1, 1977. There will be a 30-day training program for the "red coats," and training for Muni security personnel. By mid-June the program will be in operation.

Resources Conservation Specialist

Kenneth R. Boyd, Acting General Manager of the Water Department, and Oral L. Moore, General Manager, Hetch Hetchy Water and Power System, are cooperating on job duties with the Civil Service Commission, and a position specification will be prepared.

Capital Improvement Coordinating Committee

A Capital Improvement Coordinating Committee is being developed at the Muni with Mr. Tom Matoff to serve as chairman. This will be an in-house structure to develop a unified annual approach for capital grants.

Cable Car Incident

On April 18, 1977, at 10:45 a.m., the grip of a California cable car being towed to the barn caught the cable of a Powell-Mason car which failed to drop the cable. Fortunately, cable splicers were on duty, and service was resumed on April 19, 1977. No injuries were sustained. This incident was due to operator failure.

SFMRIC

A number of modifications have been approved at the Muni Metro Rail Center and at the Woods facility. The fleets of GMC and Flxible buses have been turned over to the City at a fee of \$1 each by SFMRIC on expiration of the purchase lease. Both principal and interest payments for the initial Subway Signal System payment will have to be paid out of the construction fund as the System is not complete. The firm of Hood and Strong has been selected for the annual audit.

Water Rationing

Mr. Wentz reported there have been far fewer requests for exceptions than anticipated. Thus far there have been 2,165 telephone calls, 2,111 letters requesting exceptions, and a total of 112 counter interviews. (On April 25, 1977 there were only 12 interviews.)

Allotment cards have been mailed to all but 2,500 accounts. On April 25, 1977 the Board of Supervisors held over for one week the rate increase and penalties proposal pending the Health and Environmental Committee hearing to review the rationing program.

Public Hearing - Electric Power Service

Oral L. Moore, General Manager, Hetch Hetchy Water and Power System, has advised delaying the public hearing on the proposed electric power service rate increase from May 10 to May 24, 1977, as the State PUC has approved a fuel cost adjustment increase. Therefore, recalculation of the proposal will be necessary.

Maintenance Program

Mr. Nothenberg has indicated that Muni may be able to qualify for additional Title II funds for maintenance. This matter will be reported on at the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Curtis E. Green, General Manager, Municipal Railway, reported on the Sam-Trans proposal. He stated that some time last year Sam-Trans decided to take over certain services emanating in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties running into San Francisco to the 7th and Mission Street depot. This service has been provided by Greyhound.

According to Mr. Green, a terminal point near the Ferry Building would be best - Sam-Trans had requested permission to operate on Market Street to 9th Street. As Market is already heavily congested, no additional bus service should be permitted. The Commission agreed, and requested that Muni negotiate further with Sam-Trans. This has been done, and other City Departments have also had input.

Mr. Green referred to a chart which delineated two services - a rush hour express of no more than 16 buses in service from 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.; and a Bayshore Local running twice an hour. If Greyhound is to discontinue service, and Sam-Trans is not allowed to provide service, people would come to the City by auto, causing more congestion.

At the last meeting of the Streets and Transportation Committee of the Board of Supervisors Mr. Green was requested to return an expression of support from the PUC.

Responding to a question from Commissioner McCrea, Mr. Green stated there would be stops on Mission Street, and that alternatives that used other streets had been considered but that Howard or Folsom Streets would not provide a viable service.

Mr. Wentz stated that MTC officials are anxious that all parties arrive at some compromise.

Mr. John Mauro, General Manager of Sam-Trans, said that Sam-Trans will be running a total of only 86 trips in and out of San Francisco, and the majority of Sam-Trans trips would be terminated at Daly City. Fares would be adjusted to be compatible with S. P. Sam-Trans would provide about one-half the service now provided by Greyhound. Unlike some transit districts which have rush hour trips only, Sam-Trans buses would return immediately to the Peninsula, and would operate from 5:00 a.m. until after mid-night. It would be possible to go by bus directly into each of the communities and to the Airport by Sam-Trans.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn asked how many more cars would be coming into San Francisco if Sam-Trans service is not provided. Mr. Mauro stated there are 40,000 automobiles coming from the Peninsula directly into San Francisco, and about 4,000 Greyhound customers. Mr. Green said about 1,000 people get off the Greyhound system each day and ride Muni.

Commissioner McCrea stated that he cannot agree to additional rush hour buses on Mission Street, which is already subjected to an extremely critical congestion situation. A similar reaction was voiced by Mr. Lawrence B. Martin, President of Local 250-A, Transport Workers Union.

Mr. Martin stated that Muni's highest accident rate comes from Mission Street between First and 14th. The problem is serious on Market and worse on Mission, especially because the jitneys operate on this street. The union feels it essential, he said, the some other street be selected.

Mr. Mauro stated that Sam-Trans does have an alternative. This is a plan to come in to the City on U. S. 101, the Washington Street ramp, Washington Street, and on Battery Street to Howard -- returning via I-280. The only stops would be in the financial district.

Mr. J. Elberling of CAP-Trans mentioned two concerns - interfering with Muni, and competing with S. P. Once Sam-Trans is in operation they could run as large a schedule as they desire.

Mr. Fred Perry of CAP-Trans stated there have been hearings before the State PUC, transcripts of which have not been seen by the Commission.

Mr. Mauro stated there was a one-day public hearing, and a copy of the transcript has been available. Sam-Trans is contracting with Greyhound to buy the service, and at the end of three years will own the service. This transaction was approved by the State PUC this morning. Mission Street is not a restricted street, and MTC has approved the project.

Commissioner McCrea moved, and Commissioner Flynn seconded that this matter be sent back to Muni for alternate proposals, and be put over to the next meeting. This motion was unanimously passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

President Henning announced the appointment of Romaine A. Smith as Secretary of the Commission. He introduced her to the Commission and welcomed her.

Resolution No. 77-0202--Approving and restating Commission support for the Transit Improvement Program extension to Fisherman's Wharf of cable car Line No. 59.

This item was taken out of order. Mr. Green stated that in January, 1974 this extension was approved for two blocks. A later amendment would extend the line a third block from Bay and Taylor Streets to a parking lot at Jefferson and Taylor Streets. Thus, an off-street boarding facility would be provided. Supervisor Dianne Feinstein has proposed elimination of the project so the funds might be used for other cable car programs.

Mr. Rod Bartholomew, General Superintendent of the Cable Car Division, said three blocks is a difficult walk for the elderly, infirm and small children, and that it is a high crime rate area. During the summer there is often a 30 to 40-minute wait, and it is much better for people to wait in the Fisherman's Wharf area, which is well lighted. The extension would also open up Taylor Street to automobile traffic.

Mr. Green introduced Mrs. Frieda Klusmann, President of Cable Car Friends. She stated that in her judgment the project would benefit the entire City.

Mr. Rino Bei, Program Manager of the Transit Improvement Program, said the terminal would be similar to the one at Victorian Park, but with a nautical motif. Boarding would be controlled, and fares would be collected before cars leave the terminal. The project has received previous approval and Muni is ready to proceed at the direction of the Commission. A negative environmental impact declaration has been rendered by City Planning. Opposition is limited to a few merchants along Taylor Street. UMTA will fund the project if the City indicates a desire. However, the City will lose the funding if it is not used for this project. Money has been appropriated by Congress, and some other transit system will receive it if we do not accept it.

Responding to a question from President Henning, Mr. Bei said the time frame for construction is three to four months. The design period will be six months, but construction must be timed for off-season. Work would commence in October, 1978, and be completed in May, 1979. The Northeast Waterfront Plan, which includes this extension, has been approved by the Planning department and the Port Commission.

Mr. Robert Meyers of the Department of City Planning said the plan for the Northeast Waterfront is the result of 1-1/2 years' work by individuals representing diverse interests in the City - labor, business, conservation, etc. The extension of the cable car line was official Master Plan policy in 1969 for the Planning Commission. This was reaffirmed in January.

The staffs of Muni, the Port Commission, Department of Public Works had substantial input. A detailed traffic survey of the Fisherman's Wharf area was undertaken, and the first conclusion was that congestion could not be entirely eliminated. There will, however, be a general redevelopment of the area, and the cable car extension would provide a catalyst toward that end. The Department of City Planning endorses the plan.

Mr. Jeffrey Lee of Department of Public Works discussed traffic management in the area.

President Henning then invited public comments.

A Muni rider suggested closing Taylor Street to traffic now from Columbus Street to the terminus. The streets could be remodeled to look like "old San Francisco."

Mr. Virgil Casselli, A Friend of Cable Cars, a member of the Fisherman's Wharf Assn., and President of Ghirardelli Square, said that cable cars are a major tourist attraction and a key to revenues. A majority of businesses on the Wharf favor the proposed extension. There will always be a problem with traffic. There is a crime problem, and a social cost in not doing anything. The money is available, this is part of a long range plan and a key to the development of the north waterfront.

Mr. Norman Rolfe stated that San Francisco Tomorrow endorses the extension. He urged that Taylor Street be closed off to automobile traffic.

Mr. Dan Ponder, President of Fisherman's Wharf Assn., stated that tourists usually take the Powell-Mason line to the Wharf, and are let off three blocks from their destination, which is an unattractive spot and does not give a good impression of the City.

Mr. Sal Balistreri, President of the Fisherman's Wharf Merchants Assn., stated the majority of the merchants are in favor of the extension.

Mr. Lawrence B. Martin, President of TWU, Local 250-A, stated members of the union are enthusiastic about the extension, as there is a crowd control problem at Bay and Taylor Streets, and rest room facilities for Muni drivers will be available when extension is completed.

Resolution No. 77-0202 was unanimously adopted by the Commission, with the stipulation that concurrent steps be taken to implement the traffic reduction objectives of the Northeast Waterfront plan, specifically including the closure of Taylor Street north of Jefferson Street to normal automobile traffic and the creation of exclusive transit lanes on Jefferson and Beach Streets.

Item No. 22--Approving and restating Commission support for the Transit Improvement Program Forest Hill Station Project. This item was taken out of order.

Mr. Rino Bei stated the Forest Hill Station was originally approved by the Commission in 1971 at approximately \$2 million in the grant application.

Mr. Bei then showed slides of the Embarcadero Station, the Van Ness Station (first "Muni only" station), Church Station, Castro Station, and the West Portal Station (currently under construction) and the present station at Forest Hill.

Mr. Bei said Forest Hill Station was designed in 1915, and the contrast with the new stations is striking.

In 1973 Frank Hunt and Co. made a review of Forest Hill Station. Four alternative plans were presented. Mr. Bei discussed these plans by means of charts.

He explained that Alternate I would require another elevator shaft, and would retain the present stair wells. An emergency exit would be needed. This plan was rejected by UMTA.

Alternate II would have an entrance on each side of Laguna Honda Blvd. There would be a mezzanine fare level. The existing station would have to be moved 80 feet toward downtown. The cost in 1979 would be approximately \$10 million.

Alternate III would replace the entire station. It would cost approximately \$15 million and would have buses at a lower level.

Alternate IV would be like III but be a larger station. The station would be centered on the platform. This would cost approximately \$18 million.

Department of Public Works has acknowledged the benefits to be derived by separating the buses, and eliminating the bus turn-around.

According to Mr. Bei, financing has been worked out with department of Public Works and City Planning. There is a total of \$4.8 million in FAU funding. UMTA would fund the balance at a 20-80 split. Something over \$3 million in local money would be required.

A solution to memorialization is rapidly being approached with the State Historical Society.

Direction is needed by the Commission as to which plan to follow.

President Henning said that Alternates I and IV should be ignored. Alternate II does not have underground facilities for buses and retains the existing building shell. Alternate III has an added shaft and two escalators.

Mr. Bei pointed out that Alternate III gives the City a completely new station, and Mr. Green said the great pedestrian-auto-bus accident hazard would be virtually eliminated.

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Dr. John M. Christensen, Jr., Assistant General Manager, Finance, reported that FAU allocations have been developed mutually between DPW, City Planning and Muni. These priority determinations resulted in a 5-year budget with three categories - Transit, Streets and Street-Transit. This budget is now approved by the Board of Supervisors and MTC, allocating funds for specific line items included in that budget.

Street-transit money was agreed upon to go to the highest priority projects, and this station is Muni's highest priority. If monies are not used for this station, they must be used for some other street-transit purpose. Additional projects would have to be developed that would consume \$2.7 million. There has been great difficulty in the Bay Area in allocating FAU funds and San Francisco's committee system and procedure has been lauded as the way to go.

As the meeting was opened to public comments, Mr. Elmer Curtis, representing West of Twin Peaks Council, stated that the Council endorsed Alternate III.

Mr. Rudolf Nothenberg said it is his opinion that another look should be taken at the use of FAU funds.

President Henning stated it is the general feeling that funds can be used to put buses underground, and asked if funds could readily be reallocated to the Department of Public Works.

Mr. Al Browning of the Forest Hill Home Owners Assn. stated the eight board members of his association are strongly in favor of Alternate III.

Mr. Stanley M. Smith of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, stated that there is a transit need for Alternate III as well as a lot of unemployed people in San Francisco, and he recommended Alternate III.

Ms. Evelyn Lillie, representing the Forest Hill Assn. said that the present Forest Hill station is a "terrible place." She recommended Alternate III, and said there is a need to put buses underground because of the traffic problem.

Ms. Frances Miller, who lives in the area, said the needs of many students and church goers should be met. There is a safety factor, and people from all over the City are influenced.

Mr. Martin said the Transport Workers Union would like to see bus operation underground, separated from other traffic.

President Henning inquired about a schedule for construction, and Mr. Bei replied that commencement of construction is approximately two years away. An environmental impact report must be provided, and bid documents prepared. Construction will take approximately 2-1/2 years.

Mr. Bei informed the Commission that Mr. Henry Sicabaig, Superintendent of Laguna Honda Hospital, is extremely enthusiastic about the project, and a detour road will be built to go around the excavation site.

Mr. Wentz pointed out that LRV vehicles would have to use the old station for as long as a year. The platforms could be raised to enable this operation for \$65,000.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Lydia Larsen, Mr. Bei stated that Alternates II and III would be completely accessible to the handicapped, including telephones and rest rooms.

It was then moved by Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, and unanimously passed by the Commission that this item be put over to the next Commission meeting in order to reaffirm through the FAU Committee that Alternate III is the highest priority for FAU money.

President Henning left at 5:30 p.m. and Vice President Lydia Larsen presided.

Resolution No. 77-0189--Approving supplemental appropriation, amount \$5,232,000, from existing Hetch Hetchy funds, to provide funds for purchase of power for resale.

Mr. Oral L. Moore, General Manager, Hetch Hetchy Water and Power System advised that this amount will purchase power for resale through June 1977.

Responding to a question from Commissioner McCrea, Mr. Moore said this amount reflects PG&E fuel costs for the balance of the year.

Some Hetch Hetchy projects will have to be deferred according to Mr. Wentz.

At 5:40 p.m. President Henning returned.

Resolution No. 77-0199--Authorizing a moratorium for at least one year, commencing November 1, 1977 through October 31, 1978, on grazing lease agreements for grazing of livestock on San Francisco Water Department watershed land in Alameda and Santa Clara Counties.

Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, Acting General Manager, San Francisco Water Department, said \$422,000 would be the maximum revenue loss. It is his opinion that the Water Department budget will not be affected by this possible loss of revenue.

Commissioner Peter McCrea requested that the PUC General Office staff together with Hetch Hetchy and the Water Department prepare and forward a projection to the Commission of increased costs and revenue loss, aside from water rationing, as a result of the drought.

Resolution No. 77-0201--Approving the request for amendment in the amount of \$200,000 to the Planning, Operations and Marketing Study (POM) to establish maintenance systems and procedures at the Municipal Railway, and requesting the Board of Supervisors to approve reallocation of Title II funds to permit accomplishment of additional tasks under the Emergency Maintenance Program (deferred from calendar of April 12, 1977).

Responding to a question from Commissioner Flynn, Mr. Wentz stated that negotiating with UTDC on a sole-source basis would result in a significant savings in time.

Commissioner Flynn stated he wished to register his concern regarding the sole-source method.

Commissioner Larsen said she would like to see \$200,000 to develop in-house expertise.

Mr. Wentz stated that temporary manpower is needed to beef up our manpower ability, and that people do not wish to come to work for a short period of time.

Mr. Green advised that Muni will soon be ready to move from 24th Street to the Woods facility, and Muni Metro operation will soon be ready to commence. With the present problems of transit it is acceptable to buy the kind of expertise to do all that must be accomplished within time limits.

Commissioner McCrea moved, Commissioner Flynn seconded, and the Commission unanimously adopted Resolution No. 77-0201 with the stipulation that it be on a non-sole source basis.

Resolution No. 77-0204--Affirming support for Speaker McCarthy's Assembly Bill No. 1107, modified herein.

Dr. Christensen stated this bill proposes to allocate 70 percent of the 1/2¢ sales tax to BART, with 30 percent to be allocated to three Bay Area operators. Increased costs of fuel and power would be one basis for a claim and additional service after January 1, 1978 would be the only other. However, it is felt funds should be allocated for general operating expenses, and further, that there isn't enough money in the sales tax to relieve the needs of all operators over a 5-year period. Additional funds will be required from Bay Bridge tolls and other alternate sources. There will be deficiencies even though bridge tolls, Section 5 money, and TDA funds are included. Allocation of funds should be based on service provided, and the number of riders carried.

Commissioner McCrea asked if 35 percent of operating expenses are coming from the fare box, and Dr. Christensen replied no. He said that if the subsidy for services provided for the elderly and handicapped were included, as permitted in the bill, Muni would be receiving approximately 33.4 percent of operating expenses from revenues.

Commissioner McCrea stated he would like to go on record as being against the 35 percent limitation.

Mr. Martin said the TWU opposes the entire bill, but especially the 35 percent fare requirement. He said the TWU strongly opposes the requirement to increase fares to offset the full cost of any labor settlement above a level specified by MTC.

President Henning pointed out that the bill must go through the Legislative and Personnel Committee of the Board of Supervisors.

Resolution No. 77-0204 was adopted by the Commission subject to a modification to remove any 35 percent ratio requirement for fares to operating costs, and to remove the requirement to increase fares to offset the full cost of any labor settlement above a level specified by MTC.

Resolution No. 77-0205--Approving conditions for accepting a Federal grant for planning and implementation of transit services for the elderly and handicapped, and requesting approval from the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors for acceptance of the grant.

Dr. Christensen explained that a work program has been developed for implementing services to the elderly and handicapped. This resolution now requests the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to approve submittal of the work program that has been developed as a result of meetings for funding by a Federal grant.

Commissioner McCrea moved, Commissioner Larsen seconded, and the Commission passed the motion to defer the hearing to consider the revision of schedule of rates and discounts to be charged by Public Utilities Commission for Hetch Hetchy Electric Power Service scheduled for May 10, 1977 to May 24, 1977 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 282, City Hall.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:25 p.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

2:40 p.m.

May 10, 1977

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GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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SECRETARY

Call to Order: 2:40 p.m.

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Lydia Larsen,
H. Walton Flynn, Joseph P. Byrne, Peter McCrea

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 26, 1977 were approved as amended and are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

RESOLUTION
NO.

- On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0208 H Bid call on HH Contract No. 454 for construction of Moccasin Sewage Treatment Plant
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0209 H Issuing order for service to PG&E to provide alternate services for various locations - \$123,643
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0210 H Accepting completion of HH Contract 514
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0211 H Debit modification no. 2 providing \$2,929.50 for additional work under HH Contract No. 529
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0212 W Awarding WD Contract No. 1715 to Pat Kennelly Construction of South San Francisco for main installation - \$56,150
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0213 W Requesting Controller transfer \$60,000 for holiday and overtime pay for Crafts
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

- On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0214 W Accepting completion of WD Contract No. 1679
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0215 W Approving compromise of claims against miscellaneous debtors - \$2,073.85
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0216 W Supplemental appropriation providing for settlement of damage claims - \$61,487
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0217 W Authorizing City Attorney to have judgment of condemnation fixing fair market value for portion of Water Department property
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0218 M Restating Commission support for Transit Improvement Program Forest Hill Station project
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne
No-McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0219 M Bid call on vending machine service agreement
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0220 M Supplemental appropriation/transfer providing \$1,148,000 to cover revenue deficiency
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0221 M Supplemental appropriation providing \$723,500 for operational needs

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0222 M

Supplemental appropriation of \$16,894 providing supervisorial differential adjustments

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0223 M

Transfer of old and surplus shop equipment for permanent loan to Bay Area Electric Railroad Association

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0224 M

Considering proposed Charter amendments relating to creation of Transportation Commission

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Flynn, Byrne
Noes-Larsen, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0225 M

Payment of \$39,502.76 from revolving fund for claims

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0226 M

Compromise and collection of claims - \$8,198.28

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0207 M

Requesting warrants in settlement of claims against Railway - \$8,000

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0227 G

Confirming transfer of funds under \$10,000 submitted by departments during Third Quarter

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. John B. Wentz, General Manager of Public Utilities:

Water Conservation:

Mr. Wentz stated that at the time the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the water rates and penalties, Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, General Manager of the Water Department, made commitments that: (1) The Water Department would investigate users of over 300 gallons per day to determine if excess water is being allocated. (2) The staff, through the Public Utilities Commission, will report back to the Board of Supervisors within three months on the effectiveness of the rationing program. (3) The staff will recommend a proposed lifeline rate for residential customers to the Commission by the end of November.

Approximately 10,000 requests for exceptions to allocations have been received, and about 2,000 have been processed and upward adjustments made. Hopefully, the balance can be processed by the end of this month. A tabulation of random 30-day meter readings for the month of April has been prepared.

This tabulation, also presented to the Supervisors, reflects usage from 100 cubic feet to 4,000 cubic feet. Average usage is 1600 cubic feet, and the bill for this amount will go up 50¢ per billing period, plus a utility tax of 2-1/2¢. Copies of this tabulation were given to the Commissioners.

The Goodyear Company has agreed to carry a water conservation public service message on the side of its blimp, the Airship Columbia, during a week of night flights. The blimp will operate three hours each night in the Bay Area sometime during the next week or two.

The Commission filed a written request for the use of excess Presidio of San Francisco water with the Commanding Officer on May 5, 1977. Mr. Peter Crohn will work with the Water Department to determine the most feasible connection point, perhaps at Lombard and Lyons Streets. It is expected that permission will be received from the State Department of Public Health by May 14, 1977. The amount of water involved is 700,000 gallons per day, or about one percent of San Francisco's daily use.

Mr. Wentz said there is a possibility of purchase of State water. Del Valle Reservoir will be distribution point for the Bay Area. By June 1, 1977, the Water Department will be in a position to base needs on an estimate of runoff from snow melt in the mountains. A recommendation will be made to the Commission on May 24, 1977. The State water will cost 1.9¢ per 100 cubic feet delivered, and would require a modest increase in water rates of less than 2¢ per unit or 16¢ per month for the average domestic user.

The Economic Development Administration of the Federal Government has informed the Water Department that San Francisco may be eligible for drought relief funds. The Department will file a tentative list of eligible projects, the largest of which is \$3 million to reactivate the Sunset wells. The connection to the Presidio could cost \$20,000. The connection at Calaveras Road to the State water system is on the list for \$175,000. These projects must be completed by November 30, 1977. These funds will be in the form of 50 percent grants or 100 percent loans until additional revenue is obtained from water sales.

Mr. Wentz reported that the weekend rain will have minimal effect on the watersheds, as most of the water is being absorbed. The chief benefit is to local landscaping.

Municipal Railway

Mr. Wentz informed the Commission that it might be asked on May 24, 1977 to authorize weekend and holiday Muni service to Fort Cronkhite in the Golden Gate Recreation area. Muni has provided the service during the past two summers, and last year lost \$8,000. Congressman Philip Burton is working with the National Park Service, and believes he may be successful in having it pick up the deficit. We should have an answer within two weeks.

On May 5, 1977, Mr. Wentz met with Mr. Thomas T. Soules, Port Director, and the attorney for the Port, on the matter of the land necessary for the Taylor Street cable car extension turn-around.

Because of the nature of the State grant to the Port Authority, it will be necessary to buy or to pay the value of the capitalized lease. An appraisal is being made by the Real Estate Department

Replacement of the 10-foot sheave that broke on May 9, 1977, was completed early today. The cable car system commenced operations only 15 minutes behind schedule this morning - four hours ahead of the work schedule.

A J Church streetcar was derailed as it was leaving the Geneva car barn this morning, and many other cars were bottled up in the barn. A crane was borrowed from the S. F. Fire Department. This occurred at 5:10 a.m. and was corrected at 6:23 a.m. To the extent possible, coach services were substituted. The derailment was caused by new track work now underway that is related to the Transit Improvement Program's Muni Metro Center contracts.

Safety Report

Mr. Wentz reported that progress is being made in correcting OSHA reported safety violations. Fourteen additional citations have been issued, but 28 have been abated this month. Mr. Patrick J. Phillips, Safety Coordinator, believes he has worked out a compromise for an exception to the Cable Car Barn prohibition affecting access to tunnel machinery. Fencing will be installed which will meet the OSHA requirement.

Budget

The position of Director of Safety was approved by the Finance Committee at a salary of \$22,000 per year. Mr. Wentz believes an applicant can be recruited at this salary, and Civil Service is working to have this position filled by July 1, 1977.

Responding to a question from President Henning, Mr. Wentz said that the clerical position to assist the Director was approved at the standard Civil Service rate.

The position of Resources Conservation Specialist was deleted from the budget. Mr. Wentz has received a letter from Mayor Moscone dated May 4, 1977 stating that as a result of the deletion existing staff should be detailed to this function. Mr. Wentz has met with staff, and it is felt the responsibilities can be split between Hetch Hetchy and the Water Department. Mr. Patrick J. Phillips, Assistant General Manager of Hetch Hetchy, and currently in charge of Muni's safety program, will

be able to devote a portion of his time to this program. Mr. Robert Vasconcellos, Chief Inspector, and director of the Conservation Section, will be the Water Department representative. There will be coordination among several City committees. The program will be headed by the Mayor's representative and Technical Committee.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn pointed out that the unabated citations at the Woods facility, Muni's newest, number 18, about the third highest on the list. He inquired if problems with the contractor might be the reason for the citations at a new installation.

Mr. Wentz replied that the facility is still under construction, and there have been modifications in the original design. He sees no problem, as the contractor is still on the site, and problems can be solved. The biggest problem is manpower, but Civil Service will obtain necessary carpenters and electricians.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Lydia Larsen stated she wished to go on record as being opposed to the present water rationing program, as inequities weigh heavily on minority groups and those in the lower income strata. She further stated she wished to go on record as being in favor of a per capita system of water rationing, which she feels would be more fair. In-law apartments, she said, are not taken into consideration, or whether there is one person or a family with six children in residence. She said that requesting exceptions is difficult for people with language barriers. She said she would like the Commission once again to consider the method of rationing.

President Henning scheduled a public hearing on the method of water rationing for June 14, 1977 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 282, City Hall. He asked that the Commission at its hearing examine possibilities other than the per capita method, however.

Commissioner Flynn asked that Commissioner Larsen come to the public hearing with substantial data as to how the Water Department can verify the number of persons in a residence. He said no recent census has been taken according to staff of Water Department, and he suggested that she put together an adequate amount of data to substantiate a per capita system.

Commissioner Joseph P. Byrne stated he would like Water Department staff to prepare statistics on systems being used in other areas, and how successful they are.

President Henning said it is his understanding that this had been done, and that there is a lack of water meters on a household basis as opposed to other communities. He asked if an assessment had been made of the economic impact. Mr. Eugene Kelleher, Acting General of the Water Department, answered in the affirmative. President Henning requested that Water Department staff work out an exchange of information with Commissioner Larsen.

Resolution No. 77-0218--Approving and restating Commission support for the Transit Improvement Program Forest Hill Station project (deferred from calendar of April 26, 1977).

Mr. Wentz stated that a memorandum was sent to the Commission dated May 5, 1977 advising that staff had met with FAU Committee. Five

additional proposals were studied. Three already have been considered for FAU allocations for the preferential street program. The Committee spent 1-1/2 hours studying the other two proposals, and voted three to one in favor of the Forest Hill Station project as the highest priority for FAU money.

According to Mr. Wentz, this would be the one chance in history to tackle bus separation at Forest Hill Station.

Commissioner McCrea said that on further reflection and study, and a trip to Forest Hill Station, he can't conceive of spending \$5 million to add a bus by-pass when 4800 people use the station daily. He stated that the real concerns fall into three categories. One is a re-built platform level which is well lighted and safe, which is fulfilled by Alternate II. Two, people do not like to cross Laguna Honda Boulevard on foot because of traffic. Alternate II also includes a pedestrian mezzanine. Thirdly, there should be good access to the street and platform level, and this is provided under Alternate II. He opposes spending \$5 million for a grade separation between buses and cars.

According to Commissioner McCrea, there is no mention in the priority package of anything that would improve transit on really heavy bus corridors in San Francisco. He is particularly concerned that nothing was suggested about improvements to the Northwest corridor. Also, the Trans-Bay Terminal will require extensive revamping when Muni Metro is in operation. Five million dollars could be available for other transit projects.

Mr. Curtis E. Green, General Manager, Municipal Railway, said the fact that approximately 500 people now use the station per day is disputed, as it is expected this number will be doubled, and he feels Muni has suffered a loss of people riding the system because of conditions at Forest Hill Station. He suspects the figure should be 2,000 or 2,500.

He said a price cannot be placed on safety of pedestrians and users of the system transferring and crossing the street. Also, the bus turnaround is an accident hazard. Due to these conditions there has been an average of five accidents annually for the last three or four years. There are five bus lines in the area.

Commissioner Flynn stated Muni will be buying insurance before accidents occur, and that the approximate cost for an underground level is \$2.7 million as opposed to \$5 million.

Mr. Wentz stated \$2.7 million is approximately the amount of FAU funds available. Also, Alternate III has twice as many escalators, and there is a wider loading level and shafts to make it more open. The bus element by itself will not cost \$5 million.

Mr. Rino Bei, Manager of the Transit Improvement Program, said Alternate II has only one escalator, and the present shell would remain. By using a possible Alternate 2-1/2 (a compromise of Alternates II and III), the net difference would be in the range of \$2.6 to \$2.7 million.

Forest Hill Station when replaced would generate 10,000 patrons per day. Most patrons do transfer to other lines that serve that facility. The number of people who actually walk or are dropped at the station is considerably more than 500 a day.

Commissioner McCrea asked if the Department of Public Works had made a study to determine the actual traffic problem, and if a survey had been made to determine how much auto traffic would increase.

Mr. Bei said the area has been congested for many years. Alternate III would enhance the operation of transit in that buses would not have to compete with automobiles.

Commissioner McCrea said two routes terminate there. By eliminating the traffic light and buses an automobile thoroughfare will be created.

Mr. Bei replied there will be only two lanes of traffic in each direction after the facility is completed.

Commissioner McCrea stated he basically objects to spending money for underground buses.

Mr. Bei said four years have been spent on the design of the station, and it has been studied in depth by Frank Hunt and Co. Also, Muni staff has studied the project for months. This station will not be any more grandiose than other stations.

Responding to a question from President Henning, Dr. Christensen said the difference in City money between Alternates II and III would be about \$1 million, and Mr. Wentz said it is programmed into the budget on that basis.

Commissioner Flynn moved, and Commissioner Byrne seconded that the Commission go on record as supporting Alternate III. Commissioners Henning, Flynn, Larsen, and Byrne voted "aye," and Commissioner McCrea voted "no." Resolution No. 77-0218 was adopted by the Commission.

Item No. 25--Approving supplemental appropriation in amount of \$200,000 from any legally available funds, to provide funds to negotiate, execute and carry out a contract with the Urban Transportation Development Corporation (UTDC) for MR contract for maintenance operations: systems and procedures.

Commissioner Flynn stated that two years ago the Commission voted that on any contract of this nature three firms should be submitted to the Commission for consideration. Commissioner Flynn moved and Commissioner Larsen seconded that this item be taken off calendar for discussion at a later date. This motion was unanimously passed by the Commission.

Resolution 77-0224--Consideration of proposed Charter amendments relating to creation of a Transportation Commission.

Mr. Wentz stated that Supervisor Kopp has advocated the establishment of a Transportation Commission. The Controller has requested estimates as to the extra cost which would be required on an annual basis. It is estimated that \$357,000 will be required annually for new personnel. There will be a one time equipment and relocation cost of \$36,000.

Hetch Hetchy Water and Power System is now supporting the Municipal Railway by between \$4 and \$5 million annually, and has been for the past several years. With the formation of a Transportation Commission there is a hazard of this money not ending up at Muni. This has been detailed in a letter to the Controller. There is one change based on a late revision of Supervisor Kopp's draft of the proposal. The Board of Supervisors was giving up its right of approving route abandonments and scheduling changes. The Board would continue to approve abandonments and schedule changes under the revision.

Commissioner McCrea stated that the time has come to create a Transportation Commission, and that the concept is a good one, and argued that there is no consistent transportation policy in the City, -that it is fragmented.

On motion of Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Byrne, Resolution No. 77-0219 was adopted. Commissioners Henning, Larsen, Flynn, and Byrne voted "aye" and Commissioner McCrea voted "no."

Mr. Lawrence B. Martin, President, Transport Workers Union, Local 250-A, brought up the matter of a Golden Gate Transit shuttle bus system from the Ferry Building to the financial district. He requested that the Commission oppose this proposal.

Mr. Wentz stated the idea is being analyzed. The Federal Government would be called upon to provide a \$50,000 joint subsidy to finance the program for six months, during which time the City would cooperate with Golden Gate Transit by giving free transfer rights on Muni to the ferry boat ticket purchasers. The individual would receive a 25¢ credit on the ferry boat outbound ticket. At the end of the 6-month period the City would determine if enough patronage had been built up to offset the losses, and a decision would be made. Golden Gate Transit could use some of its buses which sit all day in its yard in the financial district.

Commissioner Larsen said she has spoken to Mr. Rudolf Nothenberg of the Mayor's Office, and it is her understanding that if the money is turned down, it will be given to Golden Gate Transit.

Mr. Wentz stated that at staff meeting on this issue, it was decided to wait three weeks, and to learn from the Federal Government how long it would hold the money.

Commissioner Joseph P. Byrne commented that Muni exists to serve the people of San Francisco, not Marin County.

Mr. Wentz stated that to the extent autos from Marin County are kept off our streets we are serving residents of San Francisco.

Commissioner Byrne said autos from Marin County must be parked in our parking lots, and the City receives the tax.

Mr. Martin stated the plan will be proposed at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Wentz then said Muni's bus capacity is adequate, and the real question is whether or not the City wants to risk a deficit in order to make ferry service more attractive, and how many people would use the service.

Mr. Martin stated that SAM-Trans now has a right to come into the City, and will have a run to the Airport. He said the Barrett operation will be forced out of business, and that means 136 people from San Francisco will be out of jobs. He suggested that the Municipal Railway establish service to the Airport, and said it would be financially rewarding. Otherwise, SAM-Trans will end up with this route. Commissioners Byrne and Flynn expressed interest in Mr. Martin's suggestion.

President Henning requested that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:00 p.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

M I N U T E S
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

2:40 p.m.

May 24, 1977

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GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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SECRETARY

Present: Commissioners Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

Absent: Commissioner Byrne

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 1977 were approved as amended.

The minutes of the executive session of May 11, 1977 were amended on motion of Commissioner Larsen to reflect the views of the Commission expressed at the meeting that the appointment process should be modified to include extensive public recruitment.

RESOLUTION

NO.

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0231 H

Revising rates charged for HH electric power service

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0232 H

Awarding HH Contract No. 552 to Amalgamated Superior Engineering, Inc. of Oakland for constructing duct system - \$312,275

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0233 H

Credit modification and completion of Doble Engineering Testing Service Agreement

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0234 H

Approving DPW proposal for new street lighting

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0235 H

Awarding BLHP Contract No. 194 to Lease-Lite Corp. of San Francisco for relamping street lighting systems - \$73,103.91

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0236 H

Debit modification no. 5 providing funds for additional work under HH Contract No. 521 - \$122,690

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0237 H Substitution to subcontractor W. J. Gaffney, Inc.
under HH Contract No. 523

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0238 W Bid call for WD Contract No. 1736 for repaving of
street and sidewalk openings

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Larsen, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0239 W Awarding WD Contract No. 1724 to W. R. Thomason,
Inc. of Martinez - \$203,820

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0240 W Authorizing negotiations with California Department
of Water Resources for purchase of water from South
Bay Aqueduct

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0241 W Authorizing preparation of legislation to consummate
exchange of property rights between City and Valley
Title Co. involving pipeline right of way easement

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0242 W Supplemental appropriation providing for purchase
of electricity - \$70,000

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

Commissioner Henning left the meeting at 4:42 P.M. and Commissioner
Larsen presided.

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0243 M Bid call for MR Contract No. 647 for track recon-
struction and sewer enlargement

Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

- On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0244 M Bid call for MR Contract No. 643 for track reconstruction
- Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0245 M Bid call for MR Contract No. 644 for track construction and sewer enlargement
- Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0246 M Bid call for MR Contract No. 642 for track reconstruction
- Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0247 M Bid call for MR Contract No. 653 for installation and furnishing of temporary buildings to house fare collection equipment
- Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0248 M Supplemental appropriation abolishing one position and funding two additional - \$26,836
- Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0249 M Approving payment of claims -- \$49,219.53
- Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0250 M Approving compromise and collection of claims - \$2,043.30
- Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0251 M Affirming support for bridge toll increases
- Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0252 M Authorizing continuation of agreement to transport letter carriers

Vote: Ayes--Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0228 M Requesting warrants to settle claims against Railway - \$508,888.80

Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted as amended:

77-0202 G Restating support of cable car extension and approving steps be taken to implement traffic reduction objectives of Northeast Waterfront plan

Vote: Ayes-Larsen, Flynn, McCrea

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER:

Mr. John B. Wentz, General Manager of Public Utilities:

Water Rationing Program

Mr. Wentz reported that up to and through May 20, 1977, 13,000 requests for exceptions have been received. Half of these have been processed. A total of 1,850 telephone inquiries have been answered. During the past week the number has come down to a level that can be handled by one employee. About 20 customers visit the Water Department daily. Water Department staff expect to have all exceptions processed by the end of May.

Presidio Water

On May 18, 1977 a letter was received from the State Department of Public Health approving the use of Presidio water, with seven stipulations, as follows: (1) There must be filtration. (2) There must be adequate sampling. (3) Water must be chlorinated. (4) Water is for residential use. (5) Fences between the Presidio and the City must be repaired. (6) Use must be discontinued at any time the water fails to meet standards. (7) At the end of the drought use of Presidio water must be discontinued.

Mr. Wentz reported that an agreement was received this date from the Commanding General of the Presidio, which will be processed by the City Attorney. This will make available 700,000 gallons per day, or 1 percent of actual City usage.

Investigation of Sunset Wells

During the early 1930's the Sunset wells along 45th Avenue were in use. At that time six million gallons per day were supplied from 21 wells.

Three are now on private property, and the section line between wells has deteriorated. Casings have been examined on three of the wells, and have been found to be in good enough condition to warrant further testing. These wells will be bailed and subsequently pumped and tested. Two weeks will be required for the bailing, and four weeks for pumping tests. Then a decision will be made as to whether to place them back in operation. It will take seven months to obtain the equipment, and another seven months to install it. At the end of the run-off season in the Sierras--about mid-June--reasonable steps will be taken to proceed. By mid-December we will know if there is a possibility of another dry year. It will require \$3 million to place these wells capable of providing 5 million gallons dailys, back in operation, and therefore, a modest rate increase would be necessary. This project has been listed as an E.D.A. grant, and a grant or a loan may be obtained.

Municipal Railway

Mr. Wentz stated there will be a presentation of the new Keene fare collection system to the news media on May 25, 1977, at the Woods Division. This is a "no hands" system which will vacuum extract coins and place them in vaults. A \$2,301,000 Federal grant will provide 83 percent of the cost, to include 1100 new fare boxes, six extraction units and one portable extraction unit. Until the PCC streetcars are replaced by new light rail vehicles next year, 125 old fare boxes will be retained in service.

Security Program

Police Chief Charles has decided not to attempt to train the red coats. Although CETA is having some difficulty in obtaining candidates with high enough qualifications, a class of 20 will commence on June 20, and the course will last seven weeks.

Emergency Maintenance Program

Mr. Wentz stated there has been a marked reduction in missed runs. During January, 1977, there were about 90 to 105 missed runs morning and afternoon. This is now being held at the 20 to 30 level. The national standard of excellence is two percent of missed runs, which would be about sixteen for San Francisco.

CAL/OSHA

A total of 405 out of 466 citations have been abated. It has been mutually agreed with Sacramento officials that the two Cable Car Barn violations for which Muni was seeking a permanent variance will be abated by utilizing mesh screening with interlocks on removable panels.

Commissioner Flynn questioned the 18 unabated citations at the Woods Division. He asked why the newest division still has more unabated citations than any other facility.

Mr. Wentz replied that this facility is still in a construction phase, and these citations have to do with the basic design which will be modified, and is a part of the contractor's responsibility. These are minor details which can be corrected while the contractor is still on he job.

Commissioner Flynn requested that citations which refer to the general contractor be furnished to the Commission at the next Commission meeting, and also what is being done to redesign them. President Henning added that some attention should be paid to the cost involved, and asked who is responsible for reviewing blueprints in terms of OSHA requirements.

Muni Service to San Francisco International Airport

Mr. Wentz stated that a report had been prepared by planning staff and distributed to Commission members and to Lawrence B. Martin, President, Transport Workers Union, Local 250-A. He inquired whether or not the Commission desired an in-depth study performed.

President Henning requested that the item be calendared for discussion at the Commission meeting of June 14, 1977.

Items 34 and 36 were taken out of order.

Item 34--Authorizing the General Manager to apply for Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds available for Article 4.5 (Community Transit Services) purposes for the use of the Municipal Railway.

Commissioner Larsen requested that the item be put over to the Commission meeting of June 14, 1977, for further study, and this action was taken.

Item 36--Designating the members of the Board of Control to oversee the planning and implementation of transit services for the transit-dysfunctional handicapped and elderly for the San Francisco Municipal Railway.

Commissioner Larsen stated that when she was appointed to the Commission many handicapped and elderly persons took heart, as there would be a consumer representative for the handicapped on the Commission. She said she feels these hopes have not been realized.

A "steady erosion" of handicapped representation on the proposed Board of Control to oversee the program has occurred since December. She said she does not wish to appear to be a "token appointment." She stated she is not being asked, nor is she expected to involve herself in the handicapped planning process; and, therefore, wishes to be replaced on the Board of Control by a delegate from the 504 Coalition.

After discussion of the above matter among members of the Commission, Commissioner Larsen stated that one of the problems with the Board of Control concerns representation by a transit consumer group. She said CAP-Trans was discussed, but in executive session it was decided that CAP-Trans would not be the representative and that SPUR would be that representative. She said SPUR has shown itself to be not in the favor of implementation of transit services for the transit-dysfunctional handicapped and elderly.

Following further discussion Commissioner Flynn moved and Commissioner McCrea seconded that Commissioner McCrea be denied the right to vote on SPUR as the transit consumer group since Commissioner McCrea is on the Board of Directors for SPUR. This motion was unanimously passed. Commissioners Henning and Flynn voted in favor of SPUR. Commissioner Larsen voted "no." Mr. McMorris Dow, Deputy City Attorney, then explained that three votes were required for passage.

President Henning then instructed that this item be put over to the Commission meeting of June 14, 1977.

Item 9--PUBLIC HEARING--To consider revision of schedule of rates and discounts to be charged by Public Utilities Commission for Hetch Hetchy electric power service.

Mr. Oral L. Moore, General Manager, Hetch Hetchy Water and Power System, stated that in conformance with past practice of the Commission, recommendation is made that rates for Hetch Hetchy power to miscellaneous consumers, which include Airport tenants, be increased to

reflect the most recent findings of the State Public Utilities Commission. He said the major change would be in rates to be charged the SFIA for lighting and power for its own use. Mr. Moore stated the SFIA constitutes a regional facility, and is being supported by Airport customers in all ways except for power which is being subsidized by the City and County of San Francisco. In light of the many requirements of the City, San Francisco should stop subsidizing a regional facility, and allow the San Francisco International Airport to be charged rates compatible in the area. Revenues should be returned to the City.

President Henning inquired about the status of increased rates with respect to the Department of the Interior.

Mr. Dow, Deputy City Attorney, said there will be a pre-trial hearing on June 2, 1977, and that Cecil D. Andrus, Secretary of the Interior, takes the view that Hetch Hetchy rates for power must be approved by the Secretary. That question will be litigated. Mr. Dow said the increased rates could be charged, but would be subject to this case.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Flynn, Mr. Moore stated that only Norris Industries is not paying. SFIA is paying, and most airlines are paying under protest. Mr. Moore said that from July 1, 1975, when Norris Industries first protested, and the Commission raised the rates, the amount of the delinquency is approximately \$150,000.

President Henning then opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Ken McEldowney of Community Action Project, stated his organization is in favor of charging the SFIA the proposed rates, and he urged this action be made permanent.

Mr. Dan McHale, representing the San Francisco Airport Hilton, stated the proposed rate increase represents about \$60,000 per year to the Airport Hilton, which is a large amount.

Ms. Paulette Lee, representing Host International, Inc., objected to the proposed increase in power rates.

Ellen Johnck of San Francisco Tomorrow Energy Committee, stated that San Francisco Tomorrow supports the revision of the rate structure.

Mr. Robert Hackamack, representing the Sierra Club, said that any additional hydro-electric projects should be built under the rules current now and not under the rules of the 1913 Raker Act.

Mr. A. J. Kaiser, of United Airlines, representing airlines serving San Francisco, read a statement opposing the proposed rate increase. A copy of his statement is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. William V. Paizis, Deputy for Finance, SFIA, representing the Airport Commission, read a statement prepared by Mr. William J. Dwyer, Director, SFIA. Copy of this statement is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Dr. Alvin Greenberg, representing the people of San Francisco, stated he is in favor of raising the rates at the San Francisco International Airport.

Resolution 77-0240--Authorizing the General Manager of Public Utilities to negotiate with the California Department of Water Resources for the purchase of approximately 20,000 acre feet of water from the South Bay Aqueduct in Sunol Valley.

Commissioner Larsen stated this additional water will cost approximately \$1-1/2 million. She said many people interested in the water situation

will be at the next Commission meeting of June 14, 1977, and they should be apprised of what is going on in the Water Department. She requested that the General Manager of Public Utilities prepare a report on this subject.

President Henning was excused from the meeting at 4:42 p.m. and Vice President Larsen presided.

Resolution 77-0251--Affirming Public Utilities Commission support for bridge toll increases to assist the Municipal Railway.

Mr. Wentz advised that this resolution affirms support for bridge toll increases, the money to be distributed where the need is greatest. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission determines the greatest need.

Item 33--Approving and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Metromedia, Inc., which amends the present agreement entered into on April 27, 1976, so as to provide for modifying the rate paid to the City by a reduction of \$18,000 per year in consideration for Metro Transit Advertising personnel handling the installation and maintenance of advertising frames on Muni vehicles.

Commissioner Flynn said he has spoken with Mr. Curtis E. Green, General Manager, Municipal Railway, and Mr. Green has informed him that Muni at present does not have the manpower to install and maintain the frames, which is a part of the contract. Also, Muni could not possibly do the work for \$18,000 per year.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Larsen, Mr. Green advised that the proposed agreement does provide for hiring persons who live in San Francisco. He explained that the present contract requires that the contractor insert the material into frames that Muni is required to place in coaches. There has been difficulty over the years because the frames are not in place when the contractor is ready to insert materials. This is due to manpower shortage. Mr. Green said Muni is short 28 persons in the maintenance shop at present through retirements, etc. Also, when someone leaves it takes 90 to 120 days to obtain a replacement.

Mr. Lawrence B. Martin, President, Transport Workers Union, Local 250-4 inquired about using platform employees with temporary job incurred disabilities to fill these positions.

Following further discussion among staff and members of the Commission, Commissioner McCrea moved and Commissioner Flynn seconded that this item be deferred to the next Commission meeting. The motion was unanimously passed by the Commission.

Commissioner McCrea asked Mr. Green to answer the following questions at the next meeting: (1) What is the position of the sheetmetal workers union? (2) What are the available disabled man hours? (3) Where would the money come from to pay salaries? (4) What would be the cost of the initial outlay for tools?

Resolution 77-0202--Consideration of the amendment of Resolution No. 77-0202 adopted April 26, 1977.

Commissioner McCrea stated the minutes of the meeting of April 26, 1977 have been revised, and the resolution has been revised to read as follows:

"RESOLVED, That this Commission approves with the stipulation that concurrent steps be taken to implement the traffic reduction objectives of the Northeast Waterfront plan, specifically including the closure of Taylor Street north of Jefferson Street to normal automobile traffic and the creation of exclusive transit lanes on Jefferson and Beach Streets."

He stated he believes this accurately reflects the discussion that went on at the time. A question was raised as to what the Northeast Waterfront Plan actually states. He has reviewed this Plan, and believes this is a proper reconciliation.

Item 38--First reading of proposed Rule 21 and amendment to Rule 16 of the Rules of Order, Public Utilities Commission, City and County of San Francisco.

Secretary Romaine A. Smith read the proposed resolution.

Mr. Wentz explained that the resolution covers two matters. The first is to adopt a Rule of Order which requires that "each member present at a meeting of this Commission when a question is put shall vote for or against it, unless the member is excused from voting by a motion adopted by a majority of the members present."

Secondly, Rule 16 would be amended to adopt the following Order of Business: (1) Call to order; (2) Roll call; (3) Pledge of allegiance; (4) Approval of minutes; (5) Communications; (6) Report of the General Manager of Utilities; (7) Introduction of new business by Commissioners; (8) Calendar matters.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:12 p.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

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George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 228, City Hall

10:10 a.m.

June 10, 1977

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SPECIAL MEETING

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GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Romaine A. Smith

SECRETARY

Call to Order: 10:10 a.m.

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., H. Walton Flynn,
Joseph P. Byrne, Peter McCrea

Absent: Commissioner Lydia Larsen

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77--0254 W Approving supplemental appropriation providing funds for purchase of water from Presidio of San Francisco - \$44,200

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

President Henning summarized the calendar item, explaining that the Presidio has 600,000 gallons of water per day available from a local supply as a result of reduced water consumption. This amount of water is at present being wasted by allowing it to flow into the Bay.

Mr. Eugene Kelleher, Acting General Manager of the Water Department, said the U. S. Department of the Army has proposed an agreement whereby water will be furnished to San Francisco for whatever the rate may be at the time of repayment. The Water Department is proceeding with the connection required, which will be completed June 13, 1977, in order to be prepared if the Board of Supervisors approves the matter.

Responding to a question from Commissioner H. Walton Flynn, Mr. Kelleher said San Francisco will be charged the same rate that is charged the Presidio by San Francisco, and that San Francisco is not charging the Presidio a special or different rate.

President Henning said that Supervisor John L. Molinari is anxious to aid the Commission in this matter.

Supervisor Molinari, who was present, thanked the Commission for its willingness to call the special session, because he understood the frustration of the Water Department and the public at seeing the water going into the ocean every day. He assured the Commission that he will introduce the matter on Monday, June 13, 1977, as an emergency item--as the loss of 600,000 gallons of water is certainly an emergency. Supervisor Molinari said he has been assured by the Mayor and the Controller that the item will reach the Board of Supervisors on June 13, 1977. This will expedite action by two or three weeks, and will assure the public that government can cut through red tape.

Responding to a question from President Henning, Mr. Kelleher stated that Presidio water is inferior in quality to San Francisco water, in that it is harder and requires more chlorination. Approval to use the Presidio water has been obtained from the State Department of Public Health.

Mr. Kelleher said the connection is at Lombard and Lyon Streets, and the entire Marina area as far as Van Ness Avenue will be affected somewhat by mixing the Presidio water with the City's supply. During the night this water will spread further into the system.

President Henning inquired if there would be a health hazard. Mr. Kelleher replied there would not. He repeated that the State Department of Public Health has granted permission to use the water. It is expected that some complaints will be received from beauty salons and laundries.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn said the Department of Public Health will monitor this water for chlorine residuals and bacteriological quality. Use will be discontinued at any time it is found to be unsatisfactory.

President Henning said the public will be so advised.

On motion of Commissioner Byrne, seconded by Commissioner McCrea, Resolution No. 77-0254 was unanimously adopted.

THEREUPON THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED: 10:20 a.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

MINUTES

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

2:30 P.M.

June, 14, 1977

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PUBLIC MEETING

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GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Romaine A. Smith

SECRETARY

Call to Order: 2:37 p.m.

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Lydia Larsen
H. Welton Flynn, Joseph P. Byrne, Peter McCrea

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 24, 1977, were approved and are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On a motion by Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0255 H

Bid call on HH Contract No. 567 for construction for underground duct system in Hayes Street

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0256 H

Awarding HH Contract No. 573 to Mahoney Electric Co., Inc., for maintenance of trolley poles - \$146,395.50

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0257 H

Debit modification No. 2 providing \$5,000 under HH Contract No. 536 for additional work

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0258 H

Accepting completion of HH Contract No. 563 and approving credit modification of \$18,269.50

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0259 W

Supplemental appropriation providing \$345,585 to continue the mandatory water rationing plan

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0260 W

Bid call for WD Contract No. 1735 for main installation in Ravilla Court

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0261 W Awarding WD Contract No. 1718 to Amelco Company of San Francisco for remote control of line valve - \$24,499

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0262 W Accepting completion of WD Contract No. 1700

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0263 W Authorizing City Attorney to have judgment of condemnation entered, San Mateo Superior Court #203,140

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0264 W Awarding horse stable lease in San Mateo County to Rodney M. Johnson

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0265 W Approving write-off of WD uncollectible accounts \$9,740.11 month of April

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0266 W Approving compromise and collection of WD claims \$643.50 month of May

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0267 W Commending James W. Kavanaugh on his retirement

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0268 M Authorizing the amendment of the agreement with Metromedia, Inc., reducing the amount paid to the City by \$18,000 per year

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
No-Larsen

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0269 M

Supplemental appropriation to negotiate and carry out a contract with UTDC for maintenance - \$200,000

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, McCrea
No-Flynn, Byrne

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0270 M

Authorizing the General Manager to apply for TDA funds

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
No-Larsen

On a motion by Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0271 M

Bid call for MR Contract No. 625 for automatic controls and miscellaneous track work

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

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On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0272 M

Authorizing purchase of 14 additional items for the Muni Metro Rail Center and requesting City's Purchaser to solicit bids

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0273 M

Transferring \$10,000 for emergency work Washington Mason Cable Car Barn

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0274 M

Authorizing TIP to negotiate the acquisition price for the 6.17 acre site now belonging to U.S. Steel Corporation and to hire a private firm to develop the designs and estimates necessary to apply for an UMTA capital grant

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0253 M

Requesting the Controller to draw warrants in settlement of claims against MR -- \$8,500

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Larsen, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0275 G

Designating the members of the Board of Control to oversee transit services for the handicapped and elderly

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0276 G

Rule 21 and amendment to Rule 16 of the Rules of Order, PUC

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0277 G

Specifications for bid on Computer Center Equipment.

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After discussion by Commissioners and Mr. George Baglin, Utilities General Counsel, of the statement introduced at the meeting of May 24, 1977, by Commissioner Lydia Larsen, Mr. Baglin stated that the statement may be attached to the minutes of that meeting if 3 members so vote.

Commissioner McCrea moved, and Commissioner Larsen seconded that Commissioner Larsen's statement be attached to the minutes of May 24, 1977. On roll call Commissioners Henning, Larsen, Byrne and McCrea voted "aye", and Commissioner Flynn voted "no".

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Romaine A. Smith, Secretary to the Commission, read a letter addressed to Mr. Curtis E. Green, General Manager, Municipal Railway, from Mr. Peter E. Haas, President, Levi Strauss and Co., which indicates that the firm is considering a relocation of its corporate headquarters to San Francisco's North Waterfront.

Presently Levi Strauss employs almost 1,300 people who would be housed in the new headquarters. The availability of adequate and convenient public transportation is a paramount consideration in the relocation decision. A "substantial improvement" in transit service to the area is, therefore, an important factor in the decision.

Mr. Green stated it is the policy of the Municipal Railway to provide services that are needed, and this will be done.

Mr. Herschel J. Goldberg, Special Assistant to the Chairman of Levi Strauss and Co., expressed the hope that the Commission will give favorable consideration to the matter.

President Henning assured Mr. Goldberg that when there is a demonstrated need, it is Municipal Railway policy to endeavor to fill it. Mr. Green advised he will be in touch with management of Levi Strauss and Co.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Wentz reported that a cloudburst at Hetch Hetchy on June 7 delivered one inch of rain in 1-1/2 hours. The following day another 1/2 inch of rain fell.

Water Conservation

Mr. Wentz said to date 15,000 requests for exceptions have been processed by staff of the Water Department, and the program is going smoothly.

The State Department of Water Resources has prepared a preliminary draft for the purchase of water, which will be submitted to the Water Department this week.

Mr. Wentz said water began flowing from the Presidio at 2:30 p.m. today to supplement the City's supply.

A Spanish translation of the Water Bulletin has been distributed in the Spanish section of the Mission District (3600 copies). Starting on June 14, 1977, a Spanish speaking representative of the Water Department will be present at the branch library on 24th Street daily from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Transit Preferential Streets

Bus lanes on outer Geary and O'Farrell Streets are being expedited at the request of the Mayor. Also, time limits on transit lanes have been extended to all times.

Cable Cars

The 3 championship cable car bell ringers will be on NBC - TV's Johnny Carson "Tonight Show" on Thursday, June 16, 1977, at 11:30 p.m.

Muni Missed Runs

Missed runs are holding at the mid-twenty level, more due to operators being unavailable than to equipment being down.

PG&E

A meeting was held with PG&E personnel on June 10, 1977, re a contingency plan for sequential circuit interruptions. Another meeting is scheduled for June 17, 1977, with the Emergency Services Coordinator and key Department representatives.

At Request of Commissioner Larsen

Muni staff is endeavoring to resolve the matter of stolen tools, and is making an effort to fund replacements.

Regarding the status of the POM study, a draft is due for final editing in late June.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Lydia Larsen made a statement, copy of which is made a part of these minutes.

Commissioner Peter McCrea moved, seconded by Commissioner Larsen, that a public hearing be held to set public policy for the Public Utilities Commission. On roll call Commissioners Larsen and McCrea voted "aye", and Commissioners Henning, Byrne and Flynn voted "no".

Commissioner McCrea stated he wished to discuss Commissioner Larsen's statement at the June 28, 1977, meeting of the Commission. President Henning noted there is a procedure for scheduling matters on the agenda.

Item 9 - Public Hearing - To consider revision of the Water Rationing Program including necessary rules, regulations, and restrictions for water supplied by the San Francisco Water Department

President Henning read a letter addressed to the Commission from Mayor George R. Moscone, copy of which is made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Eugene J. Kelleher, Acting General Manager of the Water Department, stated a review had been made of 36 different plans in California. Of the plans currently in effect in other bay area communities only two apply a census - South Marin and Santa Cruz, and neither has a census of people in apartment houses. East Bay Municipal Utility District is using a per capita method without taking a census. They assume 3 people in each home, and a letter must be written to substantiate more people per home.

Los Angeles established a blue ribbon committee of elected public officials and citizens to recommend an effective rationing program for that city. After reviewing all existing plans, including those in effect in the bay area, Los Angeles established a plan based on 75 percent of 1976 usage on a sliding scale. It is clear, he said, that the Los Angeles committee thought highly of the San Francisco plan.

Mr. Kelleher then discussed problems of a per capita method of rationing under which the same amount of water would be given to everyone in the City whether needed or not. A non-working couple needs more water than a working couple. People with more money can take laundry out and eat meals out more often. It is not fair to eliminate irrigation needs. Taking a census would be the biggest problem. Public hearings would be required, and census cards would have to be sent out in 3 languages. It would require \$267,000 to install an allotment system in San Francisco, and would require about 30 weeks. Also, enforcement would be a problem.

Mr. Kelleher stated the current plan is working well in that total system consumption is now down by 40 percent. He said staff is recommending an amendment to the rationing plan that the present maximum limit of 40 units bi-monthly be reduced to 24 units bi-monthly.

President Henning introduced Supervisor John L. Molinari, who read a statement in support of per capita allotments, copy of which is made part of these minutes.

Mr. Kelleher stated per capita allotments will be looked into if the drought continues through 1978, and that further reductions would have to be made. Census cards would be sent out with September and October billings. A decision would be made the first part of January.

President Henning stated there is no present recommendation or plan to adopt a pure per capita system.

President Henning then opened the meeting to the public.

Mr. Jerome Fishkin, Attorney at Law, submitted a statement, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary. He advocated a per capita plan.

Mr. Frank L. Jackson of 2371 - 46th Ave., stated he agreed with Mayor Moscone and Supervisor Molinari.

Barbara A. Brenner of 3781 - 23rd Street said there are people who are suffering, and that she has reduced consumption to 36 gallons per day in a house for two people.

Philip Kipper of 43 Surrey Street said some people are wasting water, especially in watering the grounds at Parkmerced and San Francisco State University. Mr. Kelleher said Parkmerced and San Francisco State University have been contacted.

Mr. Charles Trilling of 626 Woolsey Street stated the present allocation system is unfair.

Leonore Fifer, of 1701 - 22nd Ave., said she owns 3 units, and asked how her tenants would know how much water to consume.

Mr. Kelleher replied that the landlord would have to notify them.

Jane Nurre, representing the League of Women Voters, read a statement, a copy of which is on file with the Secretary.

Mr. Willard R. Gluhm of 175 Los Palmos Drive inquired about a banking system for water.

Mr. John Healy of 1501 - 30th Ave. said he is conserving water, and does not want to be penalized next year. But Mr. Kelleher stated that 1976 would continue to be the base year.

Jo Ann Clayton of Consumer Action spoke in favor of a per capita method of rationing.

Sally Kipper of 48 Surrey Street said that if the inconvenience is not being shared equally the present plan is not working.

Walter O'Donnell of Self Help for the Aging said most of the people where he lives don't speak English and throw their water bulletin away.

Dennis Catey of 1031 Stanyan Street stated he does not see why a per capita method is necessary for a 50 percent reduction and not for a 25 percent reduction.

Mr. Lloyd Sappington of Xerox Computer Services stated their firm provides services to 40 cities and water districts, and that they have a per capita system that works.

President Henning suggested this matter be taken up with staff, and Commissioner Larsen said she would be happy to meet with them at any time.

Mr. Joe Minahan of Minahan Associates Urban Planning Consultants, said the problem is one of service and distribution.

On motion of Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, the Commission unanimously voted to hold a public hearing on June 28, 1977, to consider amending the water rationing rules and regulations of the San Francisco Water Department as adopted March 29, 1977.

Supervisor Molinari then returned to the meeting, stating that he was available for additional questions. There were no questions.

Commissioner Lydia Larsen moved that a per capita basis of water rationing be adopted. The motion failed for lack of a second. At 4:27 p.m. President Henning declared a recess. At 4:51 the meeting reconvened.

Mr. Dean Collins, Director, Public Utilities Computer Center, said that when the rationing plan was first conceived it was discussed with Xerox Computer Services. He said he would be happy to discuss it with them again.

Resolution 77-0264--Awarding a 13.2 acre Water Department horse stable lease in San Mateo County to Rodney M. Johnson.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn said he wished to compliment the Water

Department and Mr. Richard Tanaka, Manager, Land Division, on the amount of rent to be received and on the substantial performance bond.

Item 20--Approving the installation of night lighting at the Crystal Springs Golf Course on a one year trial basis with the stipulation that continued use of lighting shall be discontinued after this period if there is any significant environmental effect within the watershed area.

President Henning stated that a letter has been received from Mr. Frank E. Sylvester, Regional Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, which explains that the Department of the Interior cannot accept the finding that an environmental impact report is not required. A negative EIR was issued by the San Francisco Planning Department.

Mr. Walter Droste, 12475 Skyline Blvd., stated that he represents all of the persons who signed a letter of appeal addressed to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior. He said that any use of night lights on watershed lands is contrary to the provisions of the scenic and recreation easement signed by the City, San Mateo County, the State of California and the U. S. Dept. of the Interior. He said the basic purpose of the easement is to preserve the lands in their present natural state as of January 15, 1969. He submitted that the lights that are proposed would violate the conditions of the easement. Mr. Kelleher differed with Mr. Droste's conclusion.

Responding to a question from President Henning, Mr. Kelleher said the Planning Department, as well as the State Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Wild Life will make the final judgment.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Peter McCrea, Mr. Kelleher said that Mr. Elias N. Leider, lessee of Crystal Springs Golf Course, signed a commitment to build a public driving range, but no details were indicated. In 1974 Mr. Leider gave the Water Department a proposal on the driving range, which did mention lights. This was approved by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in 1974.

Mr. Milton C. Very, an illuminating engineer with Sales Affiliates, stated that the amount of lighting is less than 1/10 of moonlight.

Mr. John P. Griffin, representing Mr. Elias N. Leider, said the driving range is 300 by 100 yards, and is depressed below road level by 50 feet. He stated that Mr. Sylvester has approved the lights twice. On May 19, 1977, he received a letter from the State Fish and Game Commission stating there is no significant impact on wildlife in the area. A letter was received from the State Department of Transportation stating a reading of 107 lamberts had been made in the residential area. The maximum under the Vehicle Code is 500 lamberts.

Commissioner McCrea stated he has some reservations concerning night lighting at a time when energy conservation is being promoted. He said he would have a difficult time going along with the proposal of non-essential use of energy.

Commissioner Larsen said she shares the same concerns, and is in accord with Commissioner McCrea's thinking.

On motion of Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, the Commission unanimously voted that this matter be put over to the Commission meeting of June 28, 1977.

President Henning requested that Mr. Sylvester be present at the meeting of June 28, 1977, and that the Water Department obtain an opinion from the City Attorney on any legal liability the City might be exposed to if the request is denied.

Resolution 77-0268--Approving and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Metromedia, Inc., which amends the present agreement so as to provide for modifying the rate paid to the City by a reduction of \$19,000 per year in consideration for Metro Transit Advertising personnel handling the installation and maintenance of advertising frames on Muni vehicles.

Commissioner Larsen asked if the work is now being done by the City.

Mr. Curtis E. Green, General Manager, Municipal Railway, replied that Muni has not been able to obtain sheet metal workers through Civil Service and the Board of Supervisors. Muni is presently 24 maintenance workers short.

Commissioner Larsen stated she would be very reluctant to farm work out that should be handled by our own people.

Mr. J. B. Martin, Business Representative for Automotive Machinists' Lodge No. 1305, said his people do this type of work, and the paper work at City Hall should be cleared up. He stated he agrees with Commissioner Larsen that there should be no agreement with Metromedia.

Mr. Phillips, General Manager of Metromedia, said his firm is requesting to be allowed to handle the advertising and framing knowing that work of greater importance must be handled by the mechanical people at the Municipal Railway.

Commissioner McCrea moved that the agreement be approved on the condition that Metromedia, when they let the contract, let it with the appropriate union handling work for the City. Commissioner Flynn seconded the motion. Commissioners Henning and Byrne voted "aye", and Commissioner Larsen voted "no", stating that she does not approve of work within the City being let out to bid.

Resolution 77-0269--Approving supplemental appropriation in amount of \$200,000 to provide funds to negotiate, execute and carry out a contract with the Urban Transportation Development Corporation (UTDC) for MR Contract for Maintenance Operations: Systems and Procedures.

President Henning pointed out that in view of the fact that this is a Canadian corporation, passage of this proposal should be on the condition that appropriate work permits be issued to personnel from Canada.

Resolution 77-0270--Authorizing the General Manager to apply for Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds available for Article 4.5 (Community Transit Services) purposes for the use of the Municipal Railway.

Mr. Green stated that recent legislation allows for an application for funds under the Transportation Development Act of 1971. Muni has in this year's budget \$6,200,000 under TDA. Muni must submit an application for funds under Section 4.5, which has to do with monies made available for community type services. As Muni now more than meets the requirements of the Act, staff is requesting that \$413,000 be approved.

Mr. John B. Wentz, General Manager of Public Utilities, stated that the budget is built upon the assumption that this money will be made available.

Commissioner Larsen stated she is not in accord with Mr. Green's statement that Muni is more than meeting the requirements of the Act, as Muni is not currently accessible to the majority of the handicapped persons. She said guidelines are not met with specific emphasis on wheelchair users. She said she protests this proposal knowing that it is nothing more than a one voice protest. She said Muni really is doing very little to meet the needs of the handicapped community. She expressed her concern that the handicapped community, and she as a handicapped Commissioner, really have no input into decisions for the handicapped. She said some of the proposals submitted have not been evaluated by the handicapped community.

Item 28--Approving plans and specifications for fare collection equipment to be installed in nine Muni Metro subway stations; and requesting the City's Purchaser of Supplies to solicit bids for said fare collection equipment.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Larsen, Mr. Green said the proposed fare collection system as designed would be totally accessible to the handicapped. Some gates will be automatic and others will be manually controlled.

Commissioner Larsen stated she has seen nothing about this proposal. She suggested that information be sent to her much earlier.

Commissioner McCrea said he shared Commissioner Larsen's concern.

On motion of Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner McCrea, the Commission voted unanimously to continue this item to the Commission meeting of June 28, 1977, when a description of the system can be given.

Item 30--Approving Municipal Railway request to advertise and procure 25 full size diesel motor coaches with wheelchair lifts.

Mr. Green stated that original plans called for purchase of 25 "midibuses," and only one bidder responded with a bid of \$56,000 per bus. \$40,000 was allocated. Since then 100 six-cylinder buses have been purchased, and it has been determined that this bus obviates the need for the smaller bus. At the time the bid for midibuses was rejected the Commission instructed that a new request be submitted for fully accessible buses. Muni now wishes to purchase 25 standard fully accessible buses.

Mr. Maurice Klebolt of CAP-Trans said that for this amount of money (\$2-1/2 million) 345 Flyer buses could be equipped with lifts. He suggested retro-fitting existing buses.

Mr. Green stated the proposal in no way rejects retro-fitting equipment, and Muni intends to make a study of retro-fitting.

Commissioner Larsen stated she shares a concern that the number of lifts which could be purchased for the same amount of money would make Muni more accessible to the handicapped and elderly. She requested a public hearing as this is federal money. She requested an opportunity

for the handicapped to present their case -- to see if the money can be used for retro-fitting a larger amount of buses.

Dr. John M. Christensen, Jr., said a hearing was held on the programs submitted to UMTA which contained both the 20 vehicles in the Transportation Equipment Program and the 5 in the Systems Improvement Program.

He said the need was established for 25 more vehicles for general transit purposes. UMTA has approved funding of midibuses. The funding required would be approximately \$80,000 a vehicle, or a total of \$2 million, 80 percent of which would be provided by UMTA. Funding for retro-fitting can be a separate project, as these projects are mutually exclusive. This project is approved and funded while retro-fitting must be processed through the required reviews. When approved, additional funds will be provided by UMTA.

Commissioner Larsen stated that because of the size of the buses a federal hearing is required.

Dr. Christensen said he has discussed the matter with UMTA officials, and the legal section at UMTA has indicated it is not necessary to have another public hearing. However, we must advise UMTA of the communications we have had with the elderly and handicapped on the requirement.

Mr. Walter Stoll of MTC said the elderly and handicapped could have input at a public hearing.

Commissioner Larsen said she would base her objection to UMTA upon that answer.

Commissioner McCrea moved that a public hearing be held at the meeting of June 28, 1977, on the justification for purchasing these buses. Commissioner Flynn seconded this motion. Commissioners Henning and Byrne voted "aye", and Commissioner Larsen voted "no".

Commissioner Larsen moved that an amendment be added to the above motion that alternative ways in which the money could be spent, including retro-fitting, be explored. This proposed amendment failed for lack of a second.

Item 32--Authorizing the General Manager of Public Utilities to execute an agreement with the firm of Chin and Hensolt, Inc., in a maximum amount of \$415,000, to proceed with the preparation of design and construction documents for the installation of major mechanical, structural and operational improvements to the Washington-Mason Cable Car Barn; and the development of a Systems Analysis of the Cable Car Trackway facilities.

Mr. John Rutherford of Rutherford and Chekene, stated his firm is running a close second to the firm of Chin and Hensolt, Inc. He requested that this matter be deferred to the next Commission meeting. He said this is a unique project, and a great many people in the community are interested.

After some discussion between Commissioners and staff, Mr. Chin, President of Chin and Hensolt, said he did not know there would be a protest.

Commissioner McCrea said he was not prepared to vote in any direction,

as he had only the opinion of 5 people at Muni. He didn't understand why the Supervisor of the Cable Car System was not on the selection team. He stated he would prefer to have the staff put together a package, with enough information to make an intelligent decision.

Commissioner Joseph P. Byrne stated that a selection team is made up of engineers who are competent to judge professional capabilities. After the selection of the contractor is made, then people who are working the system are brought in to work with the design team. He said he has confidence in Mr. Rino Bei and the selection committee and would go along with their selection.

On motion of Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Larsen, the Commission voted to put this item over to the Commission meeting of June 28, 1977. Commissioner Henning voted "aye"; Commissioners Byrne and Flynn voted "no".

Item 34--Discussion of the proposal to provide Municipal Railway service to the San Francisco International Airport.

Mr. Wentz advised the Commission that it would take 90 to 120 days to do an in-depth study.

Commissioner McCrea requested the view of the holder of the franchise on Airporter Service regarding Sam-Trans service.

Mr. Stephan C. Leonoudakis replied that Airporter buses do provide adequate public transportation service on a 24-hour basis. He said his firm intends to exercise its rights under UMTA rules, and he feels it is inappropriate for the City to propose to extend Muni to the airport.

After further discussion among the Commissioners, a representative from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission advised that MTC has a policy that 25 percent of the trips to airports should be on public transit in order to qualify for federal funding. He stated the Airporter franchise qualifies.

On motion of Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Byrne, the Commission voted unanimously to take this matter off calendar.

Resolution 77-0275--Designating members of the Board of Control to oversee the planning and implementation of transit services for the transit-dysfunctional handicapped and elderly for the San Francisco Municipal Railway.

Commissioner Larsen stated that at the Commission meeting of May 24, 1977, she had asked that her name be withdrawn as a proposed candidate for the Board of Control. She said she would appreciate the opportunity to withdraw that request, as she would now like to serve on the Board of Control.

On motion of Commissioner Byrne, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, the Commission unanimously voted to appoint Commissioner Larsen to the Board of Control.

Commissioner Flynn moved that SPUR be appointed to the Board of Control as the member representing the transit consumer group. This motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Larsen said she would feel it more appropriate to name CAP-Trans or the S. F. Muni Coalition. She introduced a substitute motion that the S. F. Muni Coalition be appointed instead of SPUR. It was pointed out by an attendee of the public that Commissioner Larsen is a member of the S. F. Muni Coalition. This motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Larsen moved, and Commissioner Flynn seconded that resolution 77-0275 designating the members of the Board of Control be adopted, and that adoption of the member of a transit consumer group be deferred. This resolution was unanimously adopted by the Commission.

Resolution 77-0277--Approving the specifications and request for invitations for bid on required Computer Center equipment.

Mr. Dean Collins, Director, Public Utilities Commission Computer Center, said this is for replacement and updating equipment, and is funded on an 80 percent grant from UMTA. Estimated cost is \$1,400,000.

Item 39--Approving reply to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors regarding proposal to establish a citizens' advisory panel on transportation to assist the Commission in review of transportation matters and policy formulation.

Commissioner Larsen stated that Supervisor Robert E. Gonzales has requested a delay on this matter until the August 25, 1977, meeting of the Streets and Transportation Committee.

Stating that she had not been given an opportunity for input in the proposal, she asked if the proposed panel would take into consideration the concerns of the handicapped, and said that perhaps there might be one handicapped person on the panel.

Commissioner Flynn moved, and Commissioner Byrne seconded to send the letter as drafted.

Commissioner Larsen then made a substitute motion that the matter be put over for two weeks. This motion was seconded by Commissioner McCrea. On roll call Commissioners Larsen and McCrea voted "aye"; Commissioners Henning, Byrne and Flynn voted "no".

The Commission then voted on the original motion and passed the item 4 - 1, with Commissioner Larsen voting "no".

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:10 p.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

MINUTES

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 292, City Hall

2:30 P.M.

June 29, 1977

PUBLIC MEETING

COMMISSIONERS

John F. Henning, Jr., President

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Joseph P. Byrne

Peter McCrea

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Municipal Railway

Hetch Hetchy Project

Water Department

BUREAUS

Accounts

Public Service

Personnel & Training

Transportation

Safety

John B. Wentz

GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Romaine A. Smith

SECRETARY

Call to Order: 2:53 P.M.

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Lydia Larsen,
H. Welton Flynn, Joseph P. Byrne, Peter McCrea

The minutes of the special meeting of June 10, 1977, and the regular meeting of June 14, 1977, were approved and are on file in the office of the Public Utilities Commission.

RESOLUTION
NO.

- 77-0279 M

On a motion by Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

Approving the purchase of 25 full-size diesel motor coaches with wheelchair lifts

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Flynn, Byrne
No-Larsen, McCrea
- 77-0280 W

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

Approving amendment of water rationing rules adopted March 22, 1977

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- 77-0281 W

On a motion by Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

Approving the installation of night lighting at the Crystal Springs Golf Course on a 120 day trial basis

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Flynn, Byrne
No-Larsen, McCrea
- 77-0282 W

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

Authorizing quitclaim to Terranomics Corporation

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- 77-0283 W

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

Authorizing professional services agreement with Pitometer Associates, not to exceed \$30,000

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0284 W

Extending the contract with Homer J. Olsen, Inc., for a period not to exceed one month and directing the department to readvertise for bids

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Flynn, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0285 W

Authorizing professional service agreement with Brown and Caldwell for a rate design study

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0286 M

Authorizing the solicitation of bids for fare collection equipment for the Muni Metro subway

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0287 M

Authorizing an agreement with Chin and Hensolt, Inc., to prepare design and construction documents for major improvements to the Cable Car Barn

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0288 M

Approving Muni's participation in a test program of the ICARUS Articulated Bus

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a vote by Larsen, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0289 M

Authorizing passive wheelchair lift test with Environmental Equipment Corporation of San Leandro

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0290 M

Approving travel expense vouchers for George F. Krueger, Deputy City Attorney

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0291 M

Approving travel expense vouchers for Frank E. Bauer Chief Inspector, and Donald O. Cameron, Division Superintendent

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0292 M

Approving payment of claims, amount \$43,154.45

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Byrne, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0293 M

Approving compromise and collection of claims against debtors for May, 1977, amount \$6929.20

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0294 M

Authorizing participation by Muni in a demonstrator program for bi-directional transfer with the Golden Gate Ferry

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0295 M

Authorizing the advertisement of bids for a radio equipment vault in McLaren Park.

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0296 M

Approving debit modification No. 7 in the amount of \$2,673 to provide for remedial work

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On a motion by Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0297 M

Approving Muni and Hetch Hetchy portions of DPW Contract No. 23,920 and requesting the advertisement of bids from the Director of Public Works

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

- On a motion by Byrne, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0298 M Approving Muni and Hetch Hetchy portions of DPW Contract No. 23,919, and requesting the Director of Public Works to advertise for bids
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On a motion by Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0299 M Authorizing a professional agreement with Cal-Trans for design and construction engineering services in a maximum sum of \$57,000
- On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Larsen, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0300 M Approving specifications and authorizing the solicitation of bids for a UHF mobile radio system with estimated cost of \$2,018,000
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On a motion by McCrea, seconded by by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0301 M Authorizing bid call for MR Contract No. 649 for purchase of one emergency fire vehicle, estimated cost of \$50,000
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- In a motion by McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0302 M Approving immediate replacement for Clifford Wilan, Transit Equipment Superintendent
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On a motion by Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0303 W Approving immediate replacement for James W. Kavanaugh, Commercial Division Manager
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On a motion by McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0304 W Approving emergency supplemental appropriation in amount of \$40,000 for repair of main break
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On a motion by Larsen, seconded by McCrea the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0305 M Declaring emergency need for funds to contract with UTDC
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, Larsen, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. John B. Wentz, General Manager of Public Utilities:

Water Main Break

A water main break occurred at the corner of 17th Avenue and Taraval Street at 9:45 p.m. June 25, 1977. Two days prior the contractor broke an air valve on the same line, and it is possible that vibrations activated a small crack in the line. Estimated damage is \$75,000. Pacific Pavements Co. has been requested to clean back yards and basements. Request for a supplemental appropriation of \$40,000 is calendared as item 39. This covers overtime and contract for clean up and repaving, but does not cover budgeted time nor payment of claims.

Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1977

Mr. Wentz distributed to Commissioners a proposed Board of Supervisors resolution authorizing the Commission to apply for, accept and expend reimbursement grant funds under the Community Emergency Drought Relief Program. The maximum grant would cover 20 percent of the cost of the 7 projects listed, which have been carefully worked out with the Water Department. Mr. Wentz urged the Commission to approve the concept of the application and content of proposed Board resolution. On motion of Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Byrne, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the concept of the application for EDA funds under Title I of Community Drought Relief Act of 1977, and content of proposed Board of Supervisors resolution.

Manhole Explosion

On June 25, 1977, at 11:00 p.m. on Mission Street between 1st and 2nd Streets a PG&E transformer exploded after a fire started. Vibration from heavy fire equipment or the transformer explosion apparently caused a short circuit in the feeders in the nearby Muni manhole. Replacement of feeders can be handled by our forces and within budgeted funds.

Status of Negotiations with UTDC

Staff met with Don Morton and his assistant on June 22 and 23, 1977, and arrived at a tentative draft of the contract, subject to approval of UTDC headquarters. A supplemental appropriation is now held up in the Controller's office because of lack of funds. The Controller can fund from an emergency reserve, if the Commission declares an emergency.

On motion of Commissioner Larsen, seconded by Commissioner McCrea, Resolution 77-0305--Declaration of Emergency need for funds to contract with Urban Transportation Development Corporation (UTDC) was unanimously adopted.

Regional Transit Association

Mr. Wentz said he attended a meeting of the Regional Transit Association on June 21, 1977. This association consists of the general managers of all the transit agencies in the area. Mr. Paul Watt of Metropolitan Transportation Commission was in attendance, and Mr. Watt believes this already formed group will satisfy new federal requirements that such a cooperative organization be formed in each major metropolitan area.

Item 9 - Public Hearing - To consider the purchase of 25 full size diesel motor coaches with wheelchair lifts

Mr. Curtis E. Green, General Manager, Municipal Railway, stated Muni should have 526 diesel motor coaches in the fleet, as 50 percent of the passengers are carried by these coaches. Also, they provide flexibility that other modes do not have. During peak outages service can be provided with diesel buses. Also, sufficient spares should be available when the preventive maintenance program goes into effect and buses are scheduled for repairs. A 20 percent spare rate is necessary, according to Mr. Green. He said the Toronto Transit Commission has a spare rate of 40 percent, and the A.C. Transit float is 20 percent, but they would prefer 30 percent. Muni does not wish to retire 25 old buses without replacements.

Commissioner Peter McCrea asked if more than 25 buses could be purchased.

Mr. Green replied that UMTA recommends that buses be used 12 years and that staff will try to reach an understanding with UMTA that the particular terrain in San Francisco perhaps makes it impossible to have a 12-year replacement rate. Hopefully, next year Muni will be requesting 75 to 100 buses.

Mr. Maurice Klebolt of CAP-Trans said Muni should begin thinking about "Transbus."

Mr. Wentz stated the diesel buses and Transbus do not conflict with each other, and obtaining 25 diesel buses will not negate Muni's chances of obtaining Transbus type vehicles when they are available.

Commissioner McCrea asked if it would be possible to take \$2.5 million and place it in escrow until such time as UMTA would agree to replace General Motors buses.

Dr. John M. Christensen, Jr., Assistant General Manager, Finance, replied that when the time comes to obtain new coaches, Muni will obtain a grant for them. If Muni does not use these funds now, the funds and the buses will be lost and there will be no gain to the City. Items submitted to UMTA in the major programs have been approved and budgeted and if the City does not now desire an item, the funds will be used somewhere else. Not accepting the money now does not guarantee that a subsequent grant will be larger.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn stated that money for the extension of Muni to Fisherman's Wharf remained dormant for many years. He asked if this could be done with the buses.

Dr. Christensen replied it could be done, but at some point UMTA will close the program. Our programs have been large and extended over a period of years. UMTA now prefers smaller programs of shorter duration so that they can be completed and closed out.

If San Francisco requires 25 additional buses, Dr. Christensen said, funds are available. Otherwise funds could be redistributed within the budget. Muni is developing a 5-year program, and Dr. Christensen thinks we can confidently expect to obtain replacements for the buses we have beginning in 1981-1982. Umta policy on bus life is 12 years. Muni would go in for a new project and a new grant.

Commissioner Byrne moved, and Commissioner Flynn seconded, a motion approving the purchase of 25 full-size diesel motor coaches with wheelchair lifts. Commissioner Henning voted "aye"; Commissioners McCrea and Larsen voted "no".

Item 10 - Public Hearing - To consider amending the Water Rationing Rules and Regulations of the San Francisco Water Department, as adopted March 22, 1977

Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, General Manager, San Francisco Water Department, stated there could be some "water wasters" among those people who presently are allowed 4,000 cu. ft. of water bi-monthly. Approval is being requested to amend Rule 1A to state that no water shall be delivered in excess of 2,400 cu. ft. bi-monthly to any living unit unless approved in writing as an exception under Rule 6. If this amendment is adopted staff will commence mailing questionnaires to that type of customer (about 12,000).

Responding to a question from President Henning, Mr. Boyd stated notification to the public would be accomplished over a period of 60 days.

Mr. Boyd said a second amendment is requested to add a new rule "L" which states, "Broken or defective plumbing, sprinkler or irrigation systems which permit the escape of water must be repaired within three days after notification by the Water Department." Losses due to leaks can be allowed under present rules of rebating for water billings back as far as four months.

On a motion of Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Byrne, the Commission unanimously approved Resolution 77-0280--Amending the Water Rationing Rules and Regulations of the San Francisco Water Department, as adopted March 22, 1977.

Resolution 77-0281--Approving the installation of night lighting at the Crystal Springs Golf Course on a 120-day trial basis with the stipulation that continued use of lighting shall be discontinued after this period if there is any significant environmental effect within the watershed area.

Responding to a question from President Henning, Mr. George E. Baglin, Utilities General Counsel, stated in his opinion there is no breach of the lease agreement with Mr. Elias N. Leider, lessee. Mr. Wentz reported that Mr. Frank E. Sylvester, Regional Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, has indicated that he would recommend a 90 to 120-day trial period with close monitoring.

Mr. Van Etten of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation stated he would be glad to answer any questions.

Commissioner McCrea said the opponents of the project have made a plea that granting this request would contravene the stipulations of the easement granted by the Department of the Interior for the use of these lands.

Mr. Van Etten replied there is a legal right to provide for a night lighted driving range at the Golf Course, but that it should not unduly impact the environment.

Responding to a question from Commissioner McCrea about the monitoring of the study, Mr. Van Etten stated monitoring will be done by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and the California Department of Fish and Game. The decision will be made by the City and County of San Francisco with the approval or disapproval of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation after Commission action.

Mr. Walter H. Droste raised some objections as to covenants contained in the easement. The intent and purpose was to restrict recreation uses to those which would be subservient and compatible to the preservation of the lands in their natural state. He said there is also a program to conserve energy, and this would be a non-essential use.

Mr. Boyd stated there are 2 easements. One is a scenic easement from the center of the lakes west. In that area a golf course is not permitted. There is also a recreation and open space easement on the easterly side of the lakes on 4,000 acres. The golf course is permissible in the recreation area. The lights are visible only for 5 or 6 miles. Mr. Boyd said if there is a need for energy the lights will go off.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Flynn, a gentleman representing Mr. Leider stated that the driving range generates income of \$60,000 to \$75,000 per year. Dr. Christensen estimated income to the City to be perhaps \$3,000 per year from a night driving range.

Commissioner Larsen said she was concerned about approving a non-essential use of energy.

Commissioner McCrea stated that for a nominal increase in revenue night lighting would be a frivolous use of energy.

Commissioner Byrne recommended that Mr. Leider help pay the bill for tests. He noted that in 1974 Mr. Leider thought he had approval and was acting in good faith.

Commissioner Byrne moved, and Commissioner Flynn seconded, that the resolution be adopted. On roll call Commissioners Henning, Flynn, and Byrne voted "aye". Commissioners Larsen and McCrea voted "no".

Item No. 12 -- Approving emergency supplemental appropriation, amount \$1,050,500, from unappropriated balance of funds, to provide funds needed to execute a water purchase agreement with the State of California.

This item was put over to the Commission meeting of July 12, 1977, by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Resolution 77-0284 -- Directing the Water Department to readvertise for bids for Contract No. 1736, and authorizing Water Department to contract for a period not to exceed one month with the same company that is under contract for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977.

After discussion among Commissioners, staff, Mr. Baglin, and Mr. Jack K. Dooling, representing Pacific Pavements Co., Mr. Baglin, Utilities General Counsel, stated that both bids are defective and the contract should be rebid.

Mr. George L. Newkirk, Contracts Compliance Officer, stated the problem is with the documentation submitted in the bid documents.

Mr. Wentz said it would be necessary for the Commission to declare an emergency in order to allow the Water Department to go out and contract in the interim. Rebidding the contract would take about 20 days, and staff would contract with Pacific Pavements Co. in the interim as they are the contractor for the current year.

Commissioner McCrea moved, and Commissioner Flynn seconded, that resolution 77-0284 be adopted. The Commission voted unanimously to adopt this resolution.

Resolution 77-0285 -- Authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Brown and Caldwell, a consulting engineering firm, for a rate design study, including development of an effective "lifeline rate". Payment for services not to exceed \$20,900.

Responding to a question from Commissioner McCrea, Mr. Boyd stated that the Board of Supervisors had reduced Water Department temporary salaries. Funds for this work would have come out of 1976-77 budget, and there is still enough money to accomplish a part of the work.

Resolution 77-0286 -- Approving plans and specifications for fare collection equipment to be installed in nine Muni Metro subway stations, and authorizing purchase of this equipment; and requesting the Purchaser of Supplies to solicit bids for said fare collection equipment. Estimated cost of equipment, \$1,814,350.

Mr. Green introduced Mr. Gerald P. Cauthen, Senior Civil Engineer, who has been with the project almost since its inception, dealing daily with consultants on the project.

Mr. Cauthen exhibited a drawing of a Muni Metro Subway station. He stated there would be 15 fare collection areas in the Muni Metro system, placed at entrance and exit gates. In addition to fare gates there would be a central processor which is a small computer. There will be change equipment. By means of a drawing of the Church Street station, he indicated that people could come in from the street from two directions.

The adult fare, token, fast pass, Sunday and Holiday tour ticket and employee pass could be handled in an automatic fashion. The transfer, Bart/Muni discount ticket, senior fast pass, student fare, child fare, senior fare, and handicapped fare do not lend themselves to a fully automated approach. An agent would assist with this latter group, as well as assisting anyone who needed attention.

For the handicapped person in a wheelchair there would be a separate gate. Passes will have a magnetized strip, and will be semi-automated because of the Muni transfer system. It is difficult and costly to magnetize transfers. Equipment will be installed under a separate contract under the supervision of Muni staff and the manufacturer.

Commissioner Larsen expressed concern that the handicapped community had not been consulted from a consumer viewpoint. She said that people who design systems should obtain some feedback from people who use the systems. Mr. Green's office, according to Commissioner Larsen, had been given the names and addresses of the Department of Rehabilitation's barrier consultant; the Center of Independent Living's architect and barrier consultant.

Mr. Cauthen said he had been able to reach a Mr. Ryan at the Center for Independent Living, but he was not able to reach any other person whose name he had. He sent Mr. Ryan a specification, and asked him to call if he had any questions. Mr. Ryan didn't seem to feel there was a problem, according to Mr. Cauthen.

Commissioner Larsen said Mr. John Edmonds is also an engineer who has worked on BART accessibility. She said perhaps Mr. Ryan would expect to be compensated for any work.

Mr. Cauthen said Mr. Ryan would do some work on the installation contract.

Commissioner McCrea stated he shared Commissioner Larsen's concern that the geometric layout not provide any impediments to the handicapped.

Resolution 77-0287 -- Authorizing the General Manager of Public Utilities to execute an agreement with the firm of Chin and Hensolt, Inc., in a maximum amount of \$415,000, to proceed with the preparation of design and construction documents for the installation of major mechanical, structural and operational improvements to the Washington-Mason Cable Car barn; and the development of a Systems Analysis of the Cable Car trackway facilities.

Commissioner McCrea said the proposed resolution does not involve improvements to the cable cars themselves.

Mr. Green replied there is a study being made by Thomas T. Lunde, Inc., re design engineering for construction of cable cars. Also, Mr. Lunde is studying the Ames Report and recommendations.

Mr. John Rutherford of Rutherford and Chekene, said his firm feels there are two elements of the cable cars that would have to be studied--the grip and the braking system, and that his firm did respond to these elements in their proposal.

Mr. Chin of Chin and Hensolt said his firm intends to study the braking and grip system, and that these items are included in his firm's proposal.

Resolution 77-0288 -- Approving Muni's participation in a test program of the Icarus Articulated Bus, with no commitment for future purchase; and approving notification to the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors that such an evaluation program will be undertaken during the latter part of 1978.

Mr. Sam Walker, Secretary-Treasurer, TWU Local 250-A, asked if this bus would be tested in regular service, and how many doors it has.

Mr. Green said he believes the bus has 2 doors, not 3.

Mr. Wentz stated that whatever buses are delivered will be exposed to the drivers, the public and management. Muni is not pre-committed to purchase these buses.

Mr. Peter Straus, a Muni Transit Planner, said even if the bus has 3 doors, one could be blocked off.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Larsen, Dr. Christensen said this bus was built in Hungary, but will be manufactured in this country.

Resolution 77-0289 -- Authorizing passive wheelchair lift test with Environmental Equipment Corporation of San Leandro, Calif.

Commissioner Larsen stated that if it is kept in mind that this is only a test, she would like to thank the staff for placing this proposal before the Commission.

Item 27 -- Commending Municipal Railway operator John W. Nervis for meritorious service leading to apprehension and arrest of suspect in the murder of a passenger on June 14, 1977.

On motion of Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Larsen, this matter was put over to the Commission meeting of July 12, 1977.

Item 35 -- Approving a Metro Transit Advertising program to incorporate new "Metroform" self-adhesive exterior posters into its Municipal Railway advertising contract operations.

Mr. Paul Phillips, General Manager, Metro Transit Advertising, stated this particular advertising space is much larger than the existing king size space, being 4 ft. X 24 ft. as compared to 2-1/2 ft. X 12 ft. It is self-adhesive and can be applied directly to the side of a vehicle. Posters have been approved and are presently running in a number of cities across the country. Approval is requested to install posters on a maximum of 10 percent or 100 vehicles. An additional \$100,000 a year in revenue would be generated over and above the advertising revenue presently being received. Over the remaining 4 years of the contract this would mean from \$400,000 to \$500,000 in potential additional revenue.

Mr. Green advised that staff has no recommendation on this item.

There being no motion, the item was tabled.

Item 37 -- Designating the transit consumer group member on the Board of Control to oversee the handicapped and elderly project.

On motion of Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, the Commission voted unanimously that this item be put over to be calendared at the request of the Commission.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:23 p.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

M I N U T E S

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

2:34 p.m.

July 12, 1977

COMMISSIONERS

John F. Henning, Jr., President

Lydia Larsen, Vice President

H. Welton Flynn

Joseph P. Byrne,

Peter McCrea

DEPARTMENTS

Municipal Railway

Hetch Hetchy Project

Water Department

BUREAUS

Accounts

Public Service

Personnel & Training

Safety

PUC Computer Center

John B. Wentz

GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Romaine A. Smith

SECRETARY

Present: Commissioners H. Melton Flynn (presiding),
Joseph P. Byrne, Peter McCrea

Absent: Commissioners John F. Manning, Jr., Lydia Larsen

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 28, 1977 were approved and are on file in the office of the Secretary.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0307 H Approving DPW proposal for lighting Byron Court
Vote: Ayes-Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0308 H Awarding HH Contract No. 454 to Robar Constructors of Danville, CA to construct Moccasin Sewage Treatment Plant - \$222,089.60
Vote: Ayes-Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0309 H Approving modification no. 1 for \$10,000 providing for additional work on HH Contract No. 524
Vote: Ayes-Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0310 W Approving emergency supplemental appropriation of \$1,058,500 to purchase water from State
Vote: Ayes-Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0311 W Accepting completion of WD Contract No. 1711
Vote: Ayes-Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0312 W Approving compromise and collection of claims for June - \$1,093.50
Vote: Ayes-Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0313 M Commending John W. Nervis for meritorious service
Vote: Ayes-Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0314 M

Commending winners of 1977 Cable Car Bell Ringing Championship

Vote: Ayes-Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0315 M

Approving supplemental appropriation to correct clerical error for classification 2708 - \$7,139

Vote: Ayes-Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0316 M

Approving modification no. 8 to MR Contract No. 618 for barrier construction - \$4,100

Vote: Ayes-Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0317 M

Approving settlement of L. Pasco claim - \$375

Vote: Ayes-Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0318 M

Approving compromise and collection of claim against David Charles Allen - \$3,273.99

Vote: Ayes-Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted as amended:

77-0319 M

Approving J streetcar line be temporarily substituted with motor coaches for a period of not more than six weeks

Vote: Ayes-Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0306 M

Requesting warrants in settlement of claims against Railway - \$159,159.37

Vote: Ayes-Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. John B. Wentz, General Manager of Public Utilities:

Water Conservation

Mr. Wentz distributed a report, "Projected June Water Consumption," detailing system-wide conservation in many categories by percentage of last year's use for the same period. The report shows San Francisco at 41.5 percent of last year's usage and the resale accounts at 52.4 percent of last year.

Muni Metro Accessibility Study

Mr. Wentz reported that the study is complete and will reach the Board of Control Thursday night of this week for acceptance and approval for distribution. Upon the assumption that the report will be approved, Mr. Wentz said he would send the Board a duplicate copy. An oral presentation to the Commission by the consultant is scheduled for the 26th of July.

Light Rail Vehicles

Mr. Wentz plans to inspect LRV's in Boston July 20, and will confer with Commission President John F. Henning, Jr., who will come to Boston from Providence, Rhode Island. Dr. John M. Christensen, Jr., will accompany Mr. Wentz and will attend a problem-solving meeting with MBTA, our consulting engineers and UMTA on the 20th and 21st.

Cable Car Extension

On July 13 at 10 a.m. Mr. Wentz will make a presentation to the Port Commission to the effect that the land is necessary and should be made available at a nominal sum. The Port Commission meeting will not involve merits, but will be limited to discussion of the basis on which the land should be made available.

Supplemental Request for UTDC

On July 13 at 2 p.m. Mr. Wentz will appear before the Finance Committee regarding the supplemental request to fund the UTDC contract. Commissioner McCrea asked for a copy of the latest draft. Mr. Wentz said that we have received a second rough draft, which is being reviewed by the staff and will be ready for presentation at the next Commission meeting.

OSHA

Mr. Wentz distributed the monthly OSHA report, noting that the number of unabated violations has been reduced from 49 to 25.

Status of Conservation Effort

Mr. Pat Phillips from Hetchy and Mr. Bob Vasconcellos from Water are being utilized on a part-time basis. Mr. Wentz met with these two men this morning and together they identified the people who would be on a city-wide task force. Mayor Moscone will be requested to sponsor a kick-off meeting, which is expected to be scheduled in about two weeks.

On Wednesday evening, July 13, Mr. Wentz and Commissioner McCrea will meet with the Board of Directors of "San Francisco Tomorrow."

Mr. Wentz concluded by calling attention to a news release concerning the second annual "Bus Rodeo." Mr. Curtis Green, General Manager of Muni, explained that the American Public Transit Association (APTA) is sponsoring a national "rodeo" for all members to encourage safe driving. After local and regional "rodeos," winners will represent their organizations at a national event to be held this year in Atlanta. Muni participated last year. This year's Muni contest will be held in the Candlestick Park parking lot on Saturday, July 16.

Commissioner Flynn sought information on one item of the report. He asked when Curtis Green would look at the Boston system.

Mr. Green said that he would make a trip in August, at which time there will be a convention of LRV people. Commissioner Flynn said that he was troubled why Mr. Green was going in August. Mr. Green said that that was his decision, which satisfied Mr. Flynn.

Resolution 77-0310 Approving emergency supplemental appropriation, amount \$1,058,000, from unappropriated balance of funds, to provide funds needed to execute a water purchase agreement with the State of California. (Deferred from Calendar of June 28, 1977)

Mr. Wentz said the proposal is an emergency insurance protection. The area could have lots of rain, in which case it might not be necessary, but we should not make that assumption. We qualify for one-half of what is being pumped into the Del Valle Reservoir. The contract is being approved at the moment.

Commissioner McCrea asked if we do not buy the water, will it be given to someone else. Mr. Wentz answered yes. We must promptly make up our minds. Others are interested.

Commissioner McCrea asked if this qualifies for federal funds. Mr. Wentz answered that we believe that it will qualify for a 20 percent grant. We would have to fund the entire amount and then be reimbursed.

Commissioner Flynn asked whether we need request the full amount. Mr. Wentz replied that we do. The roll was called and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Resolution 77-0313 Commending Municipal Railway operator John W. Nervis for meritorious service leading to apprehension and arrest of suspect in the murder of a passenger on June 14, 1977. (Deferred from calendar of June 28, 1977)

Mr. Green stated that there are few opportunities to recognize performance so noteworthy as that of John W. Nervis, an outstanding operator. The Municipal Railway is proud of him, and passengers express much praise in his behalf.

As Mr. Nervis approached the Commission, those present applauded him.

"I am thankful and feel honored that this Commission saw reason to congratulate me and honor me on this day. I am thankful to Mr. Green for his kind words," he said.

Mr. Lawrence B. Martin, President TWU, Local 250-A, commended Operator Nervis in behalf of his fellow workers. The resolution commending Mr. Nervis was adopted by acclamation.

Resolution 77-0314 Commending winners of the 1977 Cable Car Bell Ringing Championship

Mr. Green pointed out that on June 16 the champion cable car bell ringers appeared on the NBC Tonight Show, and on June 14 Mr. Nervis was involved in his action. We applaud all of our fellows. Mr. Green said that the appearance of the bell ringers on the Tonight Show did San Francisco proud.

"I knew they were good employees, but I did not know they were good actors," he concluded. He then asked permission for them to perform their act. Mr. Carl Payne, first place winner, Mr. Michael McClure, second place winner, and Mr. Pete Pavlukevich, third place winner, did so in turn.

Commissioner Flynn expressed his sincere congratulations on behalf of the Commission.

Mr. Martin said that all of the men at the Cable Car Division were proud to have these men represent them as ambassadors.

Mr. Green introduced Mr. William Clark, General Manager of KABL, which co-sponsored the affair with Muni. Mr. Clark said that KABL hopes to remain involved in the activity for many years.

Resolution 77-0316 Approving debit modification in the amount of \$4,100 to provide funds for the construction of barriers to prevent the riding of skate boards in the Muni right-of-way, J Church Line, 18th Street to 22nd Street

Mr. Maurice Klebolt of CAP-Trans said he was happy to see that one issue he had brought to the attention of the Commission and the Transit Improvement Program had found support. This modification may be a deterrent to accidents.

Resolution 77-0319 Proposing that the "J" streetcar line be temporarily substituted with motor coaches for a period of six weeks

Commissioner McCrea asked for discussion.

Mr. Curtis Green, General Manager of the Municipal Railway, commented upon the move from the old Elkton Shop to the new Muni Metro. During the transition there was a period in which proper maintenance work and daily overhauls of wheels could not be done. The ability to hoist the cars in the new facility has only become available this week. Muni is now missing 20 streetcars and normally expects to have 95 cars in service every day. School being out has provided 32 coaches, which Muni proposes to use on the "J" line until we can pick up the 20 necessary streetcars. The Muni Metro is now in a position to handle its regular repair work, but because of the backlog, it may take six weeks to get back to normal.

Mr. Wentz said that Mr. Green had been in contact with the people of Noe Valley who originally reacted to this as a plan to do away with rail service, which is not the case. Mr. Green confirmed that he had made phone calls to the "Friends of Noe Valley." He said that after these conversations they were pleased with our reasons and that he had promised to meet with them next week to assure them that the service

will be adequate. He noted that on occasions when construction had necessitated the substitution of buses for streetcars, checks with riders and drivers agreed that the service was adequate.

Commissioner McCrea asked if the slip in maintenance had been a result of failure to recruit Title II maintenance workers. Mr. Green replied that Muni has been unable to recruit electrical workers for the Title II program. So, what we have had to do is put emphasis on diesel maintenance.

Commissioner McCrea asked if Mr. Green anticipated having recruitment problems. Mr. Green said no, now that we are back paying 100 percent of rates.

Commissioner McCrea asked Mr. Larry Martin, TWU, if it had been cleared with the union.

Mr. Martin said that he was told that we do not have spare equipment. Now it seems we do. He remarked that service seems to be going down in the Hunters Point and Mission Districts and reiterated that we do not have the equipment.

Mr. Green said that there was a sign-up, and the fellows have all agreed to work the sign-up. 100 percent of the diesel buses have been out, so there is no neighborhood without service.

Mr. Martin rejoined that there would be 9 fewer coaches at Kirkland and 8 fewer at Woods if diesels were placed on the J line.

Commissioner Flynn said he was under the impression that the extra buses were a result of school being out. Mr. Green handed a report from Mr. Duarte's office to the Commission, and said that we had 32 buses as a result of school being out. If it were not for school being out, we could not do this.

Commissioner McCrea, referring to Mr. Duarte's report, noted that there were three spare buses at Woods.

Mr. Martin said that he wished someone could find out what the correct numbers were. Commissioner McCrea raised the daily sheet to indicate the correct figures were in front of him.

Mr. Green remarked that anybody walking along Market Street could see that there are seats on diesel buses but not on streetcars. A streetcar during peak periods carries 180 people, so that when we are missing one of those it is a major loss.

Commissioner Byrne said that in the future he would like to see the report come from Mr. Green instead of a member of Green's staff. "We are getting two different opinions and two different reports," he said. "I would like to see one report."

Mr. Klebolt thanked Mr. Green for bringing the matter before the Commission, noting that when Mr. Green learned that this was about to happen, he personally held up on it. He said that the Kennedy decision of the 60's stated that any substitution of motor coaches for rail is an abandonment, and that this should be checked with counsel. He said he supports the proposal, subject to legal conditions.

Commissioner Flynn asked Mr. George Baglin, Utilities General Counsel, for an opinion. Mr. Baglin cited Section 3.59C of the City Charter and said the safest procedure would be to submit it to the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner McCrea asked what would happen if we went ahead and then went to the Board for approval. Mr. Baglin replied that if they said no, we would have to restore the streetcars.

Mr. Wade Hudson of the San Francisco Muni Coalition said that the fact that the schedules were set for today is very inadequate information upon which to judge the situation. The Wilbur Smith Report documents that the Hunters Point and Mission get less service, and the question is relevant to these districts.

Commissioner Flynn said that we hear a report that the runs are not being missed.

Mr. Green said that if in two weeks there are sufficient number of cars, rail service will be restored.

Mr. Wentz stated that Curtis Green is trying to make the best use of the equipment available. He couldn't agree with Mr. Baglin's opinion. We have been led to believe that this is not an abandonment. It takes a month to get to the Board of Supervisors. We should just do it.

Commissioner McCrea moved that the resolution be amended as follows:

RESOLVED, That this Commission approves the use of diesel coaches to replace the streetcars on the "J Church" line for a period not to exceed six weeks or until such time as service may be fully restored, whichever is sooner; that buses from Lines 15 and 42 not be used for this purpose; that the Board of Supervisors be informed of this action.

The motion was approved.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:40 p.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

MINUTES
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

2:35 p.m.

July 26, 1977

COMMISSIONERS

John F. Henning, Jr., President

Lydia Larsen, Vice President

H. Welton Flynn

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DEPARTMENTS

Municipal Railway

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GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Romaine A. Smith

SECRETARY

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., H. Welton Flynn,
Joseph P. Byrne, Peter McCrea

Absent: Commissioner Lydia Larsen

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 12, 1977 were approved.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0321 H Approving relighting of Irving Street, 7th to 22nd
Avenues

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0322 H Approving supplemental appropriation correcting
clerical errors - \$309

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0323 W Awarding WD Contract No. 1736R to Pacific Pavements
Company, Ltd. of San Francisco for repaving streets
and sidewalks - \$734,100

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0324 W Authorizing lease with Vanderson Construction, Inc.
for parking and landscaping - \$756 per year

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0325 W Approving indemnity agreement with various sheriffs
to deputize certain WD employees

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0326 W Setting public hearing date of August 23, 1977 for
liens in excess of \$100

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the
following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0327 W Setting public hearing date of August 23, 1977 for liens in excess of \$100 (closed accounts)
- Vote: Ayes--Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0328 W Accepting completion of professional services agreement with Brown and Caldwell and James M. Montgomery
- Vote: Ayes--Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0329 W Approving write-off of uncollectible accounts receivable - \$7,645.16
- Vote: Ayes--Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0330 W Approving supplemental appropriation to correct clerical errors for Class 2708 _ \$2,308
- Vote: Ayes--Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0331 M Accepting MBT's Muni Metro Accessibility Study Report
- Vote: Ayes--Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0332 M Authorizing direct negotiation of Contract MR-653R to furnish and install temporary buildings for housing fare collection equipment
- Vote: Ayes--Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0333 M Expressing thanks to James J. Finn
- Vote: Ayes--Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0334 M Approving supplemental appropriation establishing one new classification and abolishing two
- Vote: Ayes--Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0335 M Approving supplemental appropriation for compensation adjustment of six positions - reduction of \$15,438

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0336 M Approving supplemental appropriation funding two positions and abolishing one - reduction of \$518

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0337 M Approving travel expense voucher for E. Gail Freeman - \$569.20

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0320 M Requesting Controller draw warrants in settlement of claims - \$10,500

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Flynn, Byrne, McCrea

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER -- Mr. John B. Wentz, General Manager of Public Utilities

Diesel Coach Substitution on the J Line

Mr. Wentz reported that the bus for streetcar substitution on the J Line is functioning well, with Muni sustaining satisfactory community relations in the area. Streetcar repair work is proceeding under. Frank Baggetta, who was transferred from the Water Department to replace Cliff Nilan as Superintendent of Equipment.

Fire Near Cherry Lake

Quick action by nearly 500 fire fighters contained the summer's first forest fire at 190 acres on July 21 near Cherry Lake. The fire did an estimated \$785,000 damage to timber and watershed and cost about \$300,000 for firemen and equipment--and none to Hetch Hetchy facilities. The City installation at Cherry Lake was used as fire-fighting headquarters.

Inspection of Light Rail Vehicles in Boston

Commission President John F. Henning, Jr. and Mr. Wentz inspected the LRV's in Boston, and were witness to some of the problems still to be solved. Mr. Wentz said he is optimistic that, with the diligence of

MBTA and the support of UMTA, most of these problems will be resolved prior to delivery. Mr. Wentz offered to relate further details of the trip at the convenience of individual Commissioners.

OSHA

According to the periodic OSHA report issued by Mr. Patrick J. Phillips Director, Bureau of Safety, and dated July 26, two more violations have been abated since the last report of July 12, bringing the total number of abatements to date to 441. A total of 25 violations have not been completely abated. Work on these items is proceeding on schedule.

Commissioner Henning stated that it is the reaction of all Commissioner to applaud the system-wide conservation of water, which has amounted to more than 40 percent. He pointed out that the sole exception to this effort was City Hall, which has reduced its consumption "by a mere three percent." He went on to say that it is the opinion of the Commissioners that the City should be foremost among those setting an example.

Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, General Manager of the Water Department, said that City Hall is under the supervision of the Director of Public Works, who is endeavoring to bring a well in City Hall into production. Much of the City Hall water is used for cooling the City's Central Data Processing equipment. Mr. Boyd said he would have a full report at the next meeting.

Commissioner Henning concluded the discussion by saying that it is essential that we see some change in these conservation figures.

Resolution 77-0323--Awarding WD Contract No. 1736R - for the repaving of streets and sidewalk openings of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978 - to Pacific Pavements Company, Ltd., in the amount of \$734,900

Mr. Boyd pointed out that this contract was before the Commission last month, at which time the Commission felt that all bids were unacceptable and directed the Water Department to resubmit the contract to bid. Only Pacific Pavements responded to the subsequent invitation entering a bid \$50,000 lower than the previous one, effectively saving the City that amount of money.

Item 12--Approving and authorizing the negotiation of a lease with Mr. Hal Jones, d.b.a. Mission Valley Rock Company of Sunol, for the purpose of extracting gravel from a 30 acre parcel of Water Department land, and providing for a gift deed of 90 acres of adjacent depleted quarry land to the City by Mission Valley Rock Company

Commissioner Henning said he had a number of questions for Mr. Boyd concerning this item, the first of which was why this was not an item for public bid.

Mr. Boyd answered that no other bidder could have offered us the land. He went on to say that once excavated, we could store water in this quarry which would be usable when we were in a bind such as this year.

Commissioner Henning said that he saw no obligation or timetable in the contract for the contractor to excavate. He said there should also be a timetable for renegotiating the royalty. He then raised a question of geology, saying that it seemed that a gravel pit was one of the most unlikely places for storing water.

Mr. Boyd replied that there are strata under the pit that could be made impermeable to water at a low cost.

Commissioner Henning asked if the land to be deeded had already been excavated. Mr. Boyd answered that it was "a hole in the ground." Commissioner Henning again stated his concern about a lack of public bid.

Commissioner McCrea asked what other use this land could be put to. Mr. Boyd answered that the historical use would be grazing and row crops. Commissioner McCrea said he shared Commissioner Henning's view that it should be put out to bid.

Mr. Boyd expressed concern as to how the Water Department could go to bid seeking land instead of money.

Commissioner Flynn inquired what compensation the Department would ask someone else to offer instead of the 90 acres. He also inquired whether any value had been placed on this land.

Mr. Boyd felt that there was precedent for recommending to the Commission that a gravel lease proceed without bid. Mr. Boyd asked for a policy determination, and answered that the Department had not determined the present day value of a parcel of land in question.

Commissioner Byrne asked if there were any representative of the Mission Valley Rock Company present. Mr. Boyd replied affirmatively, introducing Mr. Hal Jones, president of the firm, and his attorney, Mr. Jack Smith.

Mr. Smith said that because the Water Department land is contiguous to his client's, the acquisition of this lease was simply a logical extension of his client's operation.

Commissioner Byrne inquired whether the lessee, Mr. Jones, would take care of all environmental impact reports. Mr. Smith said that his client would do this. He went on to say that a new and independent operation in this location would be difficult, and only because Mr. Jones is presently working in this location did such an agreement make sense.

Mr. Boyd said that the gift deed has tremendous value. Commissioner Henning said that it would be essential to go to Real Estate Department for an evaluation. He suggested that Mr. Boyd develop a lease or proposal that could be put out to bid and affirmed that the Department must go through bidding procedure.

Commissioner McCrea moved that the Water Department be instructed to set up a public bid procedure for this land, including some provision for the dollar equivalent of the land to be deeded. He added that he would like to see the bid before it goes out, and asked Mr. Boyd to bring the request for bidding to the Commission at its next meeting.

Resolution 77-0325--Approving an indemnity agreement with the sheriffs of San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda and Tuolumne Counties relative to the deputization of certain Water Department employees

Commissioner Henning expressed concern that there be some program or special provision for training these people. Mr. Boyd said that all of his people had been trained by the sheriffs of these counties.

Commissioner McCrea said that it is his understanding that Hetch Hetchy employees are not now deputized. Mr. Oral Moore, General Manager of Hetch Hetchy, said that is correct--that they have only emergency authority.

The resolution was approved.

Resolutions 77-0326, 77-0327--Setting date for public hearing re liens and special assessments on properties for unpaid water service in excess of one hundred dollars

Mr. Wentz explained that the reason for the two seemingly identical items was that the first resolution represented open accounts and the second closed accounts. Twelve of the open accounts have already been settled and more are anticipated before the hearing. The hearing was set for August 23, 1977 at 2:30 p.m.

Resolution 77-0329--Approving the write-off of uncollectible accounts receivable which are more than ninety days past due, month of May, 1977 in the amount of: \$7645.16.

Commissioner Flynn asked Mr. Boyd whether there were not some individuals among the list of those to be written off who owed more than \$100.

Mr. Boyd answered that this is so. The Department now has the old bill situation in hand. In order to keep it in hand, they are recommending some larger accounts be written off. He said this was a "real clean up." Property has changed hands in some cases.

Commissioner McCrea asked if a lien could not be put on the property even with a change of ownership.

Mr. George Baglin, Public Utilities General Counsel, said this could not be done if the change of ownership preceded the lien.

Commissioner Henning asked Mr. Boyd how this could be avoided in the future.

Mr. Boyd referred to a new lien ordinance which will be \$50 or under in the aggregate. The computer will check these after the second billing.

Mr. Wentz added that a committee of representatives from the City Attorney's Office and the PUC is being formed through which all of these will flow without delay in the future.

Item 19--Presentation of a summary of the POM Study done under contract by Wilbur Smith and Associates. The report is yet to be approved by the Transportation Study Coordinating Committee, but can now be distributed for information.

Mr. Curtis Green, General Manager of the Municipal Railway, commenced the presentation of the Planning, Operations, and Marketing Study (POM). He reported that the final draft of 270 pages has yet to clear the TSCC, MTC or UMTA, but that it could now be submitted to the Commissioners for their perusal and consideration.

Mr. Wentz called the Commission's attention to the press release of that morning which is a brief summary of the report. Mr. Gerald Cauthen, Muni Project Director for the study, was introduced. He in turn introduced Gerard L. Drake, Vice President of Wilbur Smith and Associates, and Peter Martin and Ross Maxwell, also of that firm.

Mr. Cauthen stated that the POM Study is the most thorough examination of the Municipal Railway in 30 years and the most intensive study of the system ever undertaken.

The study begins with an analysis of the existing transit system and the pattern of usage by its patrons and then evaluates the service in regard to these aspects. Referring to Table 95, he pointed out that Muni offers every 1,000 residents an average of 11.1 hours daily revenue vehicle service. This exceeds the figures of virtually all transit systems in the nation. In fact, Muni provides service at such a high volume, that in many ways it is strapped to push itself further.

The basis for much of the report is an extensive survey of Muni riders, which indicates that user concern is for comfort, convenience and reliability.

Designating this "quality improvement," he noted that much of this lay beyond the scope of his presentation, which would principally cover efficiency of service. He said that the average speed of Muni vehicles is 9.07 miles per hour. He detailed several ways this speed could be increased, such as transit preferential streets, route changes, extended stop spacing, and straightening out turns in the crowded downtown area.

While there are 82 Muni routes, there are 330 variations of these routes, and he indicated a reduction of the number of these variations is called for. The POM Study rerouting plan would increase patronage without increasing vehicle hours, according to the consultant--and projected at 11 percent, this would mean a \$2 million saving per annum.

Mr. Cauthen touched on a number of convenience and reliability points which had been investigated, including reasons for delay, regularity of service, standards of crowding, directness of service, proximity of service and connection to outlying transit generators. The POM Study recommends that a transit route should not exceed 1.3 miles for every air mile and that no point in the City should be more than three blocks from Muni access.

Mr. Cauthen continued by referring to the study's cost analysis and financing plan and indicated that a phasing plan outlined in the study will show the way for doing this. He concluded by saying that he feels a number of the recommendations are sound, but that he disagrees with others and further discussions will be held.

Commissioner McCrea asked what plan exists for implementing the study.

Mr. Wentz said that we are presently at the point of distributing the report, but the report must first clear TSCC, MTC and UMTA. Stages are set forth in the document, which must be broken up into workable pieces. This is a broad scale program which requires community support in cooperation with Muni's operational staff.

Commissioner McCrea asked, in light of the currently overworked condition of the planning staff, what is being done to augment the staff. Mr. Green said that four additional staffers have been budgeted.

Commissioner Byrne asked how long it would be before the POM Study came back to the Commission.

Mr. Wentz answered three or four months. The implementation part spans five years. Part must wait for the Muni Metro. The recommendations will be submitted to the Commission in workable sections. Mr. Wentz commended the entire report to the Commission and added that "there is a heck of a lot of meat to it."

Commissioner Henning inquired about the mailing schedule. Mr. Cauthen said that he has ordered 120 copies from Wilbur Smith and that a 28-page summary is to be printed and ready in about a month.

Resolution 77-0331--Accepting the Muni Metro Accessibility Study Report submitted by MBT Associates. There will be an oral presentation by Mr. Gary Weinstein of Tudor Engineering Company. Representatives from the Board of Control and the Department of City Planning will be on hand to answer questions.

Mr. Gary Weinstein briefly summarized the report and offered to answer questions. He said that while there are many aspects to the prevention of barriers for the handicapped, the scope of this study had been limited to providing physical accessibility to the LRVs. The study did not consider demographics. It simply asked the question: is it possible to get a wheelchair onto a streetcar? The answer is yes; however, it requires some commitment to do so.

Three basic approaches were investigated. Two of these involved mini-platforms. For these a mock-up was tested with volunteers. The third approach, which is the one the study finally recommended, involves a streetcar mounted lift. The prototype of this lift is currently under development and manufacture by Boeing Vertol.

The platform approach engendered problems with fare collection and the movement of traffic. Therefore, although it is not ideal, the lift project should be pursued in collaboration with UMTA and Boeing Vertol.

An unidentified woman in the audience raised the question of assistance for the elderly, especially those with walkers or canes--would there be something to hang onto? Mr. Weinstein said that the lift will be equipped with a folding seat which a person could occupy during transit or from which he could move to another seat once on the bus.

Resolution 77-0332--Authorizing direct negotiation of a construction contract to furnish and install temporary buildings for the housing of fare collection equipment, Contract MR-653R.

Commissioner Henning said that having recently visited the yards with Commissioner McCrea, he believes there is sufficient room for storage. He asked if trailers might not be leased to store this equipment.

Commissioner McCrea asked if the equipment would be operating in this temporary building. Mr. Green answered that it would.

Dr. Christensen said that the Keene Fare Collection Equipment must be stored inside or the warranty would not hold. Until a more permanent structure is built, temporary provision must be made. He said the work was originally scheduled to be done by Keene, but we determined to do it, and the compensation was adjusted accordingly.

Commissioner McCrea asked if a permanent structure should not be built. Mr. Green said receipts could be counted less expensively in-house rather than forwarded to the bank uncounted, so in view of this, we decided to build a temporary facility. When permanent facilities are constructed, the equipment will be housed in them.

Resolution 77-0333--Commending and expressing thanks to Mr. James J. Finn on his retirement for long and outstanding service to the people of the City and County of San Francisco.

Commissioner Henning noted that on September 16 a testimonial dinner will be held in honor of Mr. Finn, at which time everyone should take advantage of the opportunity to congratulate him.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:12 p.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

2:32 p.m.

August 9, 1977

COMMISSIONERS

John F. Henning, Jr., President

Peter McCrea, Vice President

H. Welton Flynn

Joseph P. Byrne

DEPARTMENTS

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Hetch Hetchy Project

Water Department

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Accounts

Public Service

Personnel & Training

Safety

PUC Computer Center

John B. Wentz

GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Romaine A. Smith

SECRETARY

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Joseph P. Byrne,
Peter McCrea

Absent: Commissioner H. Welton Flynn, one vacancy

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 26, 1977 were approved.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0340 M Approving repainting of PCC streetcars

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0341 G Approving change of date for regular meeting to
August 22, 1977 in room 300, 191 Grove Street

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0342 H Accepting completion HH Contract No. 564

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0343 H Awarding HH Contract No. 567 to Underground Con-
struction Co., Inc., of San Leandro for underground
duct system - \$363,280

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0344 H Approving bid call for HH Contract No. 532 - N Line
streetcar overhead system

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0345 H Approving bid call for HH Contract No. 568 -
Moccasin vehicle refueling station

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0346 H Approving debit modification for HH Contract No. 544
in amount of \$2,545.86

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0347 H Approving supplemental appropriation for retroactive salary adjustment - \$2,567

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0348 H Approving supplemental appropriation for retroactive salary adjustment - \$286

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0349 W Accepting completion WD Contract no. 1726

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0350 W Accepting completion WD Contract No. 1727

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0351 W Approving bid call for gravel quarry lease on land near Sunol

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0352 W Approving moratorium on certain grazing leases

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0353 W Approving that certain staff members represent Commission on lien proceedings committee

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0354 W Approving collection of July's claims against miscellaneous debtors - \$2,014.66

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0355 W Approving supplemental appropriation for retroactive salary adjustment - \$2,075

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0356 M Approving supplemental appropriation for certain wages - \$6,366,497

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0357 M Amending existing grant application with UMTA and approving acceptance of additional grant funds

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0358 M Approving appropriation of Title II funds for repair and maintenance of various structures - \$574,459.64

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0359 M Rejecting sole bid received for Contract No. 616 and approving readvertising of contract

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0360 M Approving award of vending machine agreement to Freeco Vending Services, Inc.

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0361 M Approving supplemental appropriation providing funds for retroactive salary adjustment - \$470.16

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0362 M Approving supplemental appropriation providing funds for PUC Hearing Officer - \$27,800
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea
On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0363 M Approving new motor coach Line No. 7-Ballpark Express
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea
On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0364 M Approving supplemental appropriation correcting clerical error for classification 7152 - \$3,446
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea
On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0365 M Approving supplemental appropriation allowing filling of Transit Equipment Superintendent - \$25,376
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea
On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0366 M Approving payment of travel expense voucher for Gerald P. Cauthen - \$580.28
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea
On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0367 M Approving write-off uncollectible accounts receivable and adjustments of accounts receivable
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea
On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0368 M Approving payment from Revolving Fund - \$32,788.64
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea
On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0339 M Settling of claims and suits against Muni - \$119,000
Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0369 G Approving supplemental appropriation for retroactive salary adjustment - \$27

Vote: Ayes-Henning, Byrne, McCrea

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. John B. Wentz, General Manager of Public Utilities:

Water Conservation

Mr. Wentz said a "modest" change in meter reading methods has proven more effective and saves a great deal of time. Water conservation is down four percent from the month of June, a commendable level in view of July's warm weather.

Painting of PCC Streetcars

Many of the PCC streetcars which will be in use for two or three years are in need of repainting. They can be painted inside and out in accordance with the new approved design, and refurbished for an estimated \$2,000 per car. Work can be accommodated within the budget with existing staff at the rate of two cars every three weeks. The pace can be stepped up if an item for painting is included in the next Title II program.

Commissioner McCrea moved, Commissioner Byrne seconded, and the Commission unanimously adopted Resolution 77-0340 to paint the PCC streetcars, using the new Muni color scheme.

AB 1107

Mr. Wentz stated the County, State and National Affairs Committee has requested a written analysis of AB 1107. It is assumed the Commission's position remains as reflected in Resolution 77-0204 of April 26, 1977, as follows: "...Elimination of a requirement for fare revenues to be a fixed percentage of operating costs or to be affected by negotiated labor settlements."

Commissioner McCrea stated that if the above requirement is not eliminated, Muni should be allowed credit for all fare discounts.

Mr. Wentz said if Muni is allowed to take all possible fare discounts, a fare increase could be put off for another year.

OSHA

Mr. Wentz reported that unabated violations now number only 21. These remaining violations are out to bid, or in the process of being abated.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Henning stated that Commissioners Flynn and McCrea will be out of the City on August 23, 1977, and in order to maintain a quorum the Commission meeting date should be changed to August 22. On motion of Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Byrne, Resolution 77-0341 was adopted, changing the date of the next Commission meeting to August 22, 1977.

Commissioner Henning said the Commission is concerned that the number of Municipal Railway missed runs is reportedly due to a lack of manpower.

Mr. Curtis E. Green, General Manager, Municipal Railway, replied that Muni has a total absence rate of approximately 14 percent per month. This compares with an AC Transit rate of 20 percent and a Golden Gate Transit rate of 13 percent. Muni loses an average of 17 operators a month, and it takes 90 days to process a requisition. Employees are now allowed to save up vacation and sick leave, and on retirement use the time, which can amount to as much as eight months, before the department is legally able to make a replacement. In the past few years vacation allowances have been increased from two to three or four weeks a year without an increase in the number of employees. Last year a floating holiday was negotiated for City employees.

Muni is budgeted for 1862 operators, and as of today is operating with 1830. As late as March job freezes prevented replacements as jobs became vacant. When there was a shortage of equipment, lack of manpower was not as acute as it is today when Muni has nearly met equipment requirements. Also, requisitions for supervisory personnel are not filled. When a dispatcher, inspector, claims agent, scheduler, or division superintendent position is needed it is necessary to place operators in these positions or in the vacancies created by those persons temporarily assigned to the higher positions.

Mr. Green stated that Mr. Robert Won of CETA has promised 35 CETA workers to replace 35 drivers now in supervisory positions.

Mr. John L. Beckham, Senior Departmental Personnel Officer, presented a chart indicating that operator strength is beginning to rise, although equipment now surpasses operator strength. Absentee rate varies only about three percent, and turn-over is cyclic.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Byrne, Mr. Green stated that it takes 30 days to train an operator, and there are 22 in a class. For the past several months 22 operators have been hired each month.

Commissioner McCrea pointed out that of the 26 missed runs 11 are on streetcar lines. Mr. Green replied this is the season of vacations, and the highest seniority operators are assigned to the Geneva car barn.

Mr. Lawrence B. Martin, President, TWU-Local 250-A, stated that if CETA employees are hired as dispatchers there will be a morale problem among supervisory personnel.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS - Election of Vice President for the remainder of the year 1977.

On motion of Commissioner Byrne, seconded by Commissioner Henning, the Commission unanimously voted to install Commissioner Peter McCrea as Vice President.

Resolution 77-0357--Amending existing grant applications with the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) and approving the acceptance of additional grant funds for certain line items.

Commissioner McCrea pointed out that funds necessary to acquire and develop the area East of Tennessee Street at the Woods facility are included in these applications. He stated that the Commission did not authorize the Tennessee Street extension, and has recently approved proposed acquisition of the U. S. Steel Building.

Mr. Green stated there is a need for this extension at Woods.

On motion of Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Byrne, Resolution 77-0357 was adopted, deleting that portion of the line item dealing with the Tennessee St. extension. The matter of the property acquisition phase at the Woods facility will be an item on the calendar of the Commissioner meeting of August 22, 1977.

Resolution 77-0358--Applying for appropriation of Title II funds of the Local Public Works Employment Act of 1976 for the repair and maintenance of various structures - \$574,459.64.

Responding to a question from President Henning, Mr. Green stated that Mr. Merrill R. Cohn, Equipment Engineer, will supervise the program. which consists mostly of facilities' improvements.

Mr. Wentz explained that the Mayor's Office has indicated an additional \$500,000 for the Municipal Railway may be available, and staff hopes to precess such an appropriation through the Mayor's Office for another \$1/2 million of Title II projects.

Resolution 77-0359--Rejecting the sole bid received for Contract No. 616 - Transit Stop Signs - and approving the readvertising of the contract.

Mr. Green stated that 5,000 signs are involved - 1500 in the present bid proposal. He said it may be necessary to modify the signs by including less printed material, or to reduce the number of signs in the proposal.

Item 27--Recommending to the Purchaser of Supplies that Contract Proposal 467 for the furnishing of uniforms be extended for the period ending December 31, 1978.

President Henning stated he has had a number of comments from members of the Board of Supervisors and from the public regarding the policy of wearing uniforms. He inquired if the present style of uniform meets with the approval of the drivers, and suggested it might be of value to run a survey to ascertain if the drivers accept the uniform.

Mr. Green explained that a new uniform design was included in the contract with Walter Lander & Associates. This followed a great deal of input from the drivers and the public. He said obtaining money for uniforms has not been easy, but during the past year all operators have been supplied with a uniform. It would take about 1-1/2 years to make a changeover.

Mr. Lawrence B. Martin stated the operators would like a new uniform, as the present one is not popular. The selected Lander uniform contains a number of expensive features, however.

Mr. James H. Leonard, Assistant to the General Manager, Public Service, explained that many Muni operators participated in the Lander design project, and there was a general satisfaction with the selection. He suggested that it would be wise to investigate the possibility of modifying expensive uniform features.

On motion of Commissioner Byrne, seconded by Commissioner McCrea, the Commission voted to put this item over to the next meeting.

Item 31--Approving implementation of Muni Route 78--Golden Gate Park--to operate Sundays only from Kezar Parking lot via John F. Kennedy Drive at no added cost.

Mr. Green explained that in an attempt to lessen auto use in the park it is proposed that people drive their automobiles to the Kezar parking lot, and then take the 78 Line to places of interest. The line would operate with a 10-minute headway from Kezar Pavilion to the music concourse.

Mr. Wentz added that the line can be implemented at essentially no cost, as two men are now stationed at the park to open the chain for buses to pass through restricted areas. The buses would move slowly to avoid pedestrians and bicycles.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Byrne, Mr. Green stated there is a request for the service from cultural groups and from the Recreation and Park Department.

Mr. Wentz added that the request also came from the Mayor's Transportation Cabinet group.

Mr. Peter Strauss, Transit Planner, stated the route is designed to avoid traffic congestion on South Drive.

An unidentified man in the audience stated the parking lot at Kezar Pavilion can accommodate only 50 cars.

Another unidentified man in the audience stated the biggest problem is parking, and that his organization has cars towed away.

Commissioner McCrea said there should be a broad based citizen input.

On motion of Commissioner Byrne, seconded by Commissioner McCrea, the Commission voted to put this item over for two weeks, during which time the Muni Coalition and CAP-Trans will review the proposed route.

Resolution 77-0363--Authorizing Muni to establish a new motor coach Line No. 7-Ball Park Express to provide service from 8th and Fulton and the Haight-Ashbury areas for football games, and to initiate service for a 90-day or less trial period.

Mr. Green stated that Muni has been contacted by businessmen in the Haight Street area and by citizens on Fulton Street for some type of direct service to Candlestick Park. At present these people have to go to 19th Avenue or to Van Ness Avenue to get a bus. It is hoped, Mr. Green said, that service can begin on September 25, 1977. A return of \$2,200 is expected if the buses are well used. As the estimated cost is \$2,500, there would be a loss of \$300. If the service is not well patronized it can be discontinued at any time during the 90-day trial period.

Mr. Joe Simon, a merchant on Haight Street, requested that the route originate at Haight and Stanyan Streets because coaches which originate in the Avenues are filled by the time they get to Haight Street. Patrons on Fulton Street have an alternative, but those on Haight Street do not.

Mr. Green explained that four buses will be used, with two starting at Haight and Stanyan Streets, and two at Fulton Street and 8th Avenue.

Commissioner McCrea added that on the return all should go to the end of the line.

Item 33--Commendation of Mr. Clarence Chiles, first place winner of Municipal Railway Safety Roadeo.

Mr. Rod Bartholomew, Acting Deputy General Manager, Operations and Administration, reported that in October, 1977, the American Public Transit Association (APTA) will hold its annual convention in Atlanta, Georgia. At that time APTA will conduct a National Roadeo. By virtue of his topping the competition among 52 Muni operators, Mr. Chiles, a representative of Woods Division, will be Muni's Atlanta entrant.

Mr. Gene Henderson, Superintendent of Training, presented a National Safety Council trophy to Mr. Chiles and predicted that he would win the Atlanta competition.

Mr. Green and Lawrence B. Martin complimented Mr. Chiles and his family.

Commissioner Henning stated that a resolution commending Mr. Chiles should be prepared and directed that it be submitted during the Commission meeting of August 22, 1977.

Mr. Bartholomew introduced Douglas Norberg, Kirkland Division second place winner, and Ronald Haren, third place winner, also of Woods Division.

Mr. Green commended the Safety and Personnel Department, and thanked all of them, and introduced the Senior Instructor, Mr. John Taketa.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:05 p.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

M I N U T E S
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 300, 101 Grove Street

2:35 p.m.

August 22, 1977

COMMISSIONERS

- John F. Henning, Jr., President
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- Municipal Railway
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John B. Wentz
GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Romaine A. Smith
SECRETARY

Present: Commissioner John F. Henning, Jr., Peter McCrea,
H. Welton Flynn, Joseph P. Byrne

Absent: 1 vacancy

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 9, 1977 were approved.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0370 W

Approving transport of water to Skylonda

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0371 M

Approving that General Manager present Mayor's
Office with application for additional Title II
funds

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne,

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0372 W

Approving endorsement of Proposition A providing
automatic sprinklers and backflow prevention de-
vices in S.F. parks where not now present

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0373 W

Lien and special assessments on property for
unpaid water service charges:

Block #3610, Lot #27
Dai Teap Hom
\$311.20

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0374 W

Lien and special assessments on property for
unpaid water service charges:

Block #5657, Lot #47
Tommie & Jimi D. Smith
\$137.61

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0375 W

Lien and special assessments on property for
unpaid water service charges:

Block #1426, Lot #48
Eugene & Eileen B. McGuire
\$165.94

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0376 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block #839, Lot #2
Mal Goldberg
\$112.20

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0377 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block #707, Lot #1
Harry Shifs
\$160.94

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0378 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block #571, Lot #4
George & Pantagidta Morf
\$157.35

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0379 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block #6982, Lot #46
Luke A. Masterson
\$107.82

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0380 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block #779, Lot #21
Steven J. Williams
\$294.06

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0382 W Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block # 3783, Lot #6
Yellow Cab Company
\$196.36

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0383 W Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block #807, Lot #1B
William Thomson
\$141.19

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, McCrea

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0384 W Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block #7139, Lot #6
Marlene Moody
\$205.72

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0385 W Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block #6359, Lot #25
Geraldine La Fleur
\$123.80

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0386 W Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block #4161, Lot #24
Jack Woo
\$198.75

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0387 W Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block #323, Lot #11
Fred A. London
\$143.33

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0388 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block #693, Lot #9
Security Eng. Development Co.
\$151.00

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0389 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block #333, Lot #9
Neil Bleuler
\$1,953.65

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0390 W

Lien and special assessments on property for unpaid water service charges:

Block #340, Lot #1
Vasilios Glinidakis
\$420.01

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0391 H

Approving completion of HH Contract No. 543

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0392 H

Approving supplemental appropriation providing funds adjusting retirement allowances - \$43,843

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0393 H

Approving supplemental appropriation providing funds adjusting retirement allowances - BLHP - \$1,546

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0394 W

Approving completion of WD Contract No. 1692

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0395 W

Approving completion of agreement with Pitometer Associates related to waste water survey

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0396 W

Approving supplemental appropriation providing funds adjusting retirement allowances - \$80,913

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0397 W

Approving write-off of uncollectible accounts - month of June - \$6,872.44

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0398 M

Presentation to Clarence Chiles for winning Safety Bus Roadeo

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0399 M

Approving recommendation to Purchaser that contract proposal 467 dealing with furnishing uniforms be extended

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0400 M

Approving implementation of Route 78-Golden Gate Park

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0401 M Approving execution of agreement with Chin & Hensolt Engineers, Inc. to rehabilitate design of Cable Car Barn and system analysis of cable car trackway - maximum amount of \$415,000
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0402 M Approving revision of disciplinary procedure
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0403 M Approving settlement of an IECO claim - \$75,266
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0404 M Approving write-off of uncollectible accounts for July - \$2,358 - and approving compromise and collection of claims for damages against miscellaneous debtors - \$8,087.70
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0405 M Approving payment of claims from revolving fund - \$61,122.13
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0406 C Approving supplemental appropriation providing funds to adjust retirement allowances - \$3,913
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0407 G Approving supplemental appropriation providing funds adjusting retirement allowances - \$5,523
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0408 G Approving transfer of funds under \$10,000 and allotment requests submitted by PUC departments during Fourth Quarter 1976-77 - \$133,100.57
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0409 M

Approving travel expense advance to cover costs for Deputy City Attorney in taking depositions in New Hampshire and Massachusetts (conditioned upon request to take deposition in S.F.)

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Secretary, Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. John B. Wentz, General Manager of Public Utilities:

Skylonda Mutual Water Company

Mr. Wentz stated a request has been received from Skylonda Mutual Water Company to work out an agreement similar to the one Marin Municipal Water District has with the San Francisco Water Department, whereby San Francisco would transport State water to them through our facilities. Skylonda will need water before the next Commission meeting of September 13, 1977. Water would be carried through Skyline County Water District facilities to Skylonda. The State Department of Water Resources will furnish the San Francisco Water Department a volume of water equal to that delivered to Skylonda Mutual Water Co.

On motion of Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Byrne, Resolution No. 77-0370, empowering the General Manager of Public Utilities to sign the necessary agreements to bring State water to the Skylonda Mutual Water Company, was unanimously adopted.

Title II Funds

Mr. Wentz explained that at the Commission meeting of August 9, 1977 an application was processed to be forwarded to the Mayor's Office for additional Title II funds. Because of a misunderstanding among staff members some items were inadvertently included that are not eligible for Title II funds. Staff is now combining eligible projects from the recent application with additional projects of equipment maintenance nature. The Mayor's staff wishes to present the master application to the Mayor September 1, 1977.

On motion of Commissioner Byrne, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, Resolution No. 77-0371, directing the General Manager of Public Utilities to take necessary action to obtain for the Municipal Railway the maximum available funds to meet requirements of the Local/Public Works Employment Act of 1976, was adopted by the Commission.

CAL/OSHA

The 20 remaining unabated citations are out to bid, under contract or are being completed, according to Mr. Wentz.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn questioned the fact that 50 percent of the unabated citations are at the Woods facility. Mr. Wentz explained that three or four of the items are the responsibility of the contractor. Several others are the responsibility of the City, and these are under design or being completed. Also, expansion of Woods Yard has been delayed, and this matter will be taken up at the Commission meeting of September 13.

SPUR

Mr. Wentz stated that on August 17, 1977 Mr. Gerald Cauthen made an excellent presentation to SPUR on the POM report, and on August 18, 1977 Messrs. Thomas Matoff and Peter Straus made an excellent presentation to SPUR on Transit Planning.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Peter McCrea stated he was asked by a member of the Recreation and Park Department if the Commission would endorse Proposition A prior to September 9, 1977. This is a \$9 million bond issue to be placed on the November ballot to provide automatic sprinklers and backflow prevention devices in all San Francisco parks that do not have them.

Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, General Manager, San Francisco Water Department, advised that he has discussed this matter with Mr. Thomas Malloy, Executive Assistant to the General Manager, Recreation and Park Department and one of the most important values is that backflow preventors would be installed to protect the San Francisco water supply from possible contamination from the reclaimed sewage supply. Also, water use to the parks would be during night hours, thereby improving pressures and volumes during the day. Finally, sprinkling by automatic sprinklers will use less water than by manually controlled equipment, thus contributing to the conservation effort. Mr. Boyd stated this bond issue would be very helpful to the Water Department.

On motion of Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Byrne, the Commissioner unanimously voted to endorse Proposition A.

Resolution 77-0398--Presentation to Mr. Clarence Chiles on his winning the Municipal Railway Safety Bus Rodeo.

Commissioner Henning read aloud the resolution commending Mr. Chiles. Trophies were presented to Mr. Chiles; Mr. Douglas Norberg, second place winner; and to Mr. Ronald Haren, third place winner by Mr. Lawrence B. Martin, President, TWU Local 250-A on behalf of the Union and the total membership. Mr. Tom LaGrone, insurance broker for the Union, presented gift certificates to the three winners.

Resolution 77-0399--Recommending to the Purchaser of Supplies that contract proposal 467 for the furnishing of uniforms be extended for the period ending December 31, 1978.

President Henning said it was the opinion of the Commission at the previous meeting that a survey should be taken of the drivers, and this has been done.

Mr. Green requested that the present contract be extended in order to allow a more thorough study. He also pointed out that if the contract is to be terminated the contractor must be notified by June 1, 1978.

Mr. Wentz stated three or four months would be needed to analyze the situation with the drivers. This would also give staff time to price uniforms and get requirements into the budget process. Approval of the Board of Supervisors would be secured in May or June, and two or three months would be needed to take bids and award a contract. An additional three months would be available for a new contractor to stock up for January 1, 1979. Consideration must also be given as to

whether it will be satisfactory to phase in the new uniforms. Buying new uniforms for all in "one fell swoop" would cost a large sum of money, and would represent the jettisoning of uniforms still worthy of wear. Mr. Wentz stated the cost of the present uniform is \$243.40 for an outfit, and the estimated cost of the uniform under consideration for the past year is \$297.74 - about \$50 more. The main difference being the uniform under consideration has a vest. The 1976-77 budget allotted \$176,000 for uniforms and the present budget allots \$194,000. The new uniform under consideration would cost about \$214,000 per year. However, if the uniforms can be phased in over a period of time there will not be a significant increase in cost.

Mr. Rod Bartholomew reported that a very brief survey taken among the operators asked eight questions. There was a 56.6 percent return of questionnaires. Returns indicated that 55.7 percent found the present color unsuitable, 62.3 percent did not wish to wear a cap, and 80.9 percent did not wish to wear a tie.

Mr. Martin stated he differed with the report, as there was not enough time to do a thorough survey.

President Henning instructed staff to undertake a definitive survey of the operators.

Resolution 77-0400--Approving implementation of Muni Route 78-Golden Gate Park-to operate Sundays only from Kezar Parking lot via John F. Kennedy Drive at no net added cost.

Mr. Alan Lubliner of the Mayor's Office stated that a letter from the Mayor expresses strong support for a shuttle service within Golden Gate Park, as personnel of the museums have advised it is difficult for elderly and handicapped to get to the museums on days when the main park drive is closed. He said the proposed route would be connected to several major Muni lines, and the museums, Recreation and Park Department, and Muni should be able to commence service this fall on an experimental basis, which will be flexible.

Responding to a question from President Henning, Mr. Green stated that from Stanyan Street (lines 71, 72 and 33) it is a long walk to the concourse.

Mr. Wade Hudson of the Muni Coalition, said his organization is in favor of instituting Route 78 on a trial basis, although there is some concern about noise and air pollution.

Mr. Pat McGee of the Commission on Aging, accompanied by Mr. Claude Mason of the Senior Community Advisory Council, stated that attendance at the California Academy of Sciences by the handicapped and elderly has dropped drastically because of lack of access. He said the Commission on Aging enthusiastically supports this test.

Mr. Lawrence B. Martin stated a survey by the union indicated a desire on the part of the elderly and handicapped for this service, and the Union supports implementation of the route.

President Henning inquired as to the time frame, and Mr. Green said patronage would be checked very closely.

President Henning inquired about the danger to cyclists and pedestrians

Mr. Maurice Klebolt, President, CAP-Trans, suggested that the Recreation and Park Department provide a transit lane for the bus. He also suggested that the coach have a sign indicating it is a park bus. This service is endorsed by CAP-Trans, hopefully on a seven day a week basis.

Commissioner McCrea stated people should be informed of the service, there should be assigned stops, and the bus should be clearly identified. He inquired if it would be possible to use a Mack bus, using advertising space on the side for identification.

Mr. Green replied that he would have to speak with the advertiser. Erection of signs at stop locations, however, could be done by Muni staff. He advised that cultural groups would do extensive advertising of the new service.

Responding to a question from Commissioner McCrea, Mr. Green said Metromedia would be asked to donate sign poster space to advertise this shuttle.

Resolution 77-0401--Authorizing the General Manager of Public Utilities to execute a professional services agreement with the firm of Chin & Hensolt, Engineers, Inc. to perform rehabilitation design of the cable car trackway, subject to the concurrence of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the U. S. Department of Transportation, in a maximum amount of \$415,000 (TIP).

President Henning noted there is no arbitration clause in the agreement and stated that six months ago the Commission indicated it would prefer inclusion of such a clause in PUC contracts and agreements, as he understands from private sources that such clauses are standard.

After discussion among Commissioners, Mr. Rino Bei, Director, Transit Improvement Program; and Mr. George E. Baglin, Utilities General Counsel, President Henning directed that an item regarding arbitration clauses be placed on the agenda of the meeting of September 13, 1977. Staff was directed to review their report on the advisability of the arbitration clause, and to check the experience of Los Angeles and other cities. He stated that from a cost stand-point such a clause might be advantageous to the City. It was also agreed that an arbitration clause would not be appropriate in this professional services agreement now before the Commission.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn requested that input be given to staff by Mr. Baglin on amounts of Court settlements and arbitration awards, for comparative purposes.

On motion of Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, Resolution 77-0401 was adopted by the Commission.

Item 23--Approving proposed contract with the Urban Transportation Development Corporation for a study of the Municipal Railway's maintenance system, and directing the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission to execute the contract.

Mr. Arnold Townsend, representing the Western Addition Planning Area Committee (WAPAC), said his organization is concerned about the affirmative action policy of UTDC, especially since this company is based in Canada. He also assumed that in a study of this type Muni patrons and drivers would be consulted, considering the number of minority drivers and users. If there is an affirmative action plan, he asked who would have the responsibility for monitoring such a plan.

Following discussion among Commissioners; staff; Mr. George L. Newkirk, Contract Compliance Officer; Mr. George E. Baglin; Mr. Townsend; and Mr. Maurice Klebolt, Commissioner H. Welton Flynn noted this is not a proper contract in the opinion of the Utilities General Counsel. Commissioner Flynn then moved, and Commissioner Byrne seconded, that this item be taken off calendar until such time as affirmative action requirements are satisfied in the opinion of the Commission on recommendation of staff. Mr. Newkirk was requested to report back to the Commission. The Commission unanimously voted to take Item 23 off calendar.

Item 26--Approving travel expense advance of \$1200 for expenses of Deputy City Attorney Donald K. Negi to attend and take the depositions of the plaintiff Kathleen J. Collins and her doctors in Cardiff, Wales in the case of Kathleen J. Collings v. CCSF Superior Court No. 714-688.

This item was considered by the Commission together with Resolution 77-0409--Approving travel expense advance of \$750 for expenses of Deputy City Attorney Kenneth J. Harrington to attend and take the depositions of the plaintiff Evelyn Albright, her doctors and a favorable witness in Manchester, New Hampshire and in Concord, Massachusetts in the case of Evelyn Albright and Charles Wittenburg v. CCSF, Superior Court No. 682-964.

President Henning inquired if these depositions could be taken in San Francisco.

Mr. Reed Jordan, Chief Claims Agent, stated the depositions to be taken in Manchester and Concord are scheduled for September 9, 1977.

President Henning said he would be willing to support travel expenses to Manchester and Concord, but that every effort should be made to take depositions in the County of San Francisco. He suggested that Item 26 be deferred to the Commission meeting of September 13, and that during this time the City Attorney make a showing that subject deposition cannot practicably or otherwise be taken in San Francisco. He urged that Resolution 77-0409 be passed on condition that such a showing is made in the ensuing weeks.

Mr. Baglin advised that having the depositions taken in San Francisco is entirely at the discretion of the Superior Court Judge. However, the necessity of coming to San Francisco tends to deter people from filing suits.

On motion of Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, the above actions were passed by the Commission.

Commissioner McCrea stated he was concerned about the number of missed runs at Woods Yard - an average of six per day, and on two days, ten. He asked if streetcars could be placed back in service to get the situation under control

Mr. Green said that previously Muni was missing 26 to 27 streetcars out of 95, and that the buses are now providing a reasonable service. It has been necessary to all cate the number of employees and equipment in a manner to best serve the entire system. He said that on balance the patrons and system are better served today than at any time during the past year. On August 19 there were 89 streetcars available, and by September 4, 1977 there will be 98. However, there are several preventive maintenance positions to be filled. The light maintenance section at Woods No. 2 is expected to be in use within two weeks, which will permit improved operations.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:15 p.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

M I N U T E S

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

2:35 p.m.

September 13, 1977

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Present: Commissioner John F. Henning, Jr., Peter McCrea,
H. Welton Flynn, Joseph P. Byrne, Claire C. Pilcher

The minutes of the August 22, 1977 meeting were approved.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0411 H

Bid call for HH Contract No. 579 for underground duct system construction

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0412 W

Approving agreement between San Mateo County, State, and City and County of San Francisco for use and maintenance of certain real property

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0413 W

Approving execution of Assignment of Lease between GBI Co., S.F. Golf Club, Assignors, and Lake Merced Bill Recreation and Management Association

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0414 W

Approving City Attorney stipulate to judgment of condemnation to be entered subject to payment to City of \$1,875 plus interest

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0415 W

Accepting completion WD Contract No. 1708

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0416 W

Approving supplemental appropriation providing funds for estimated Sewer Service Charge - \$19,950

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0417 W Approving supplemental appropriation adjusting salaries of two positions for 7/1/76-6/30/77 - \$3,450
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0418 W Approving supplemental appropriation adjusting salaries of two positions for 7/1/77-6/30/78 - \$4,707
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher
- On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0419 W Approving supplemental appropriation reflecting decrease in WD share of PUC-Data Processing budget - \$1,834
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher
- On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0420 W Approving settlement of litigated claim paying Robinson T. V. Store \$4,218.18
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0421 W Approving bid call for WD Contract No. 1737 for main installation
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0422 M Approving proposed UTDC study of maintenance system
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher
- On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0423 M Approving travel expense advance of \$1200 to Deputy City Attorney Donald K. Negi
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0424 M Setting October 11, 1977 for public hearing considering charter rates and charges

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0425 M

Approving award of MR Contract No. 653R to Able Erectors, Inc., of Fremont for fare collection buildings - \$18,433

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0426 M

Approving supplemental appropriation reducing amount contributed by City to retirement allowance - \$298,978

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0427 M

Approving supplemental appropriation providing funds for compensation to permanent salary Class 7358 - \$77

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0428 M

Approving supplemental appropriation for sewer service charges - \$21,696

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0429 M

Setting October 25, 1977 for public hearing to consider grant applications

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0430 M

Approving PUC General Manager seek bids and hire security service

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0410 M

Approving Controller draw warrants to settle claims - \$42,847.29

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0431 C Approving supplemental appropriation for reclassification of one 1726 and one 1856 position - \$11,045

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0432 G Approving Eugene Womack as alternate trustee for TWU-S.F. Muni Railway Trust Fund

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

The above resolutions are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Water Conservation

Mr. John B. Wentz, General Manager of Public Utilities, distributed the monthly water conservation report to Commissioners, and noted that system-wide reduction stands at 35 percent, although the hottest part of the year has just passed.

Commissioner McCrea asked why City Hall usage is not decreasing. Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, General Manager, San Francisco Water Department, replied that correspondence has been received from Mr. S. M. Tatarian, Director, Department of Public Works, indicating that the target date for preparation of the well at City Hall is approximately 60 days hence. Water from this well will be used for cooling the Controller's computer.

Skylonda Mutual Water Company

Mr. Wentz reported that delivery of water to Skylonda commenced September 12, 1977 just as Skylonda Mutual Water Co. was about to run out of water.

State Water Delivery Agreement

This agreement has been signed and forwarded to Mr. Boyd, for forwarding to the State. Date of commencement will be October 1, 1977.

Lease for Cable Car Extension Turnaround

Staff will meet with Port Commission September 14, 1977 to review this matter, and subsequently the Port Commission will hold a public hearing.

Responding to a question from Commissioner McCrea, Mr. Wentz stated that about eight months will be required for engineering studies, and two months for bid call and award of contract. By October 1978 construction should be under way.

POM Study

Mr. Wentz advised that a report on the POM study will be forwarded to Commissioners on September 27, 1977. Suggestions of the San Francisco Muni Coalition regarding citizen involvement will be taken into consideration in developing staff recommendations.

Revenue Equipment Condition Report

This report was distributed by Mr. Wentz to the Commissioners. Mr. Wentz stated there will be an improvement in the next report, which will reflect the favorable performance of the past week.

CAL/OSHA

Two new citations have been received, and seven have been abated, according to Mr. Wentz. There are now sixteen unabated citations, the bulk of which are at the Woods installation. Abatement activity is underway, and the staff is endeavoring to correct possible violations to prevent issuance of citations.

Safety Officer

A bulletin has gone out from Civil Service advertising for a new safety director to replace Mr. Patrick J. Phillips, and applications are being accepted.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

President Henning introduced and welcomed Commissioner Claire C. Pilcher who previously served on the Board of Permit Appeals.

Resolution 77-0412--Authorizing the General Manager of Public Utilities to execute an Agreement between County of San Mateo, State of California, and CCSF for use and maintenance of certain real property in conjunction with Ralston Avenue Riding and Hiking Trail involving a portion of Crystal Springs Watershed Parcel 31.

Commissioner Pilcher asked if it is customary to receive no revenue in this type of situation.

Mr. Boyd replied that revenue is received whenever legally possible. However, this was an old equestrian trail which was discontinued for several years during construction of Interstate 280. This trail is now being reinstituted, and is considered a matter of public interest to allow it.

President Henning asked if there is a fire hazard, and Mr. Boyd replied that if such a condition develops, the trail will be closed.

Commissioner Pilcher then said she understands that bee keepers on watershed property are being ordered to leave. Environmental groups feel it necessary that the bees remain for pollination purposes, and for the benefit of school children and other groups.

Mr. Boyd replied that he would submit a written report.

Resolution 77-0422--Approving proposed contract with the Urban Transportation Development Corporation for a study of the Municipal Railway's maintenance system, and directing the General Manager of Public Utilities to execute the contract.

In order to comply with affirmative action requirements, UTDC has indicated in writing that it will enter into an agreement with the Engineering Society's Committee for Manpower Training to provide two scholarships for two engineering or architectural students selected by the Society. Each of the two scholarships will consist of \$1,500 per year for a period of two years.

Mr. George Newkirk, Contracts Compliance Officer, said it is anticipated that 30 days from the date of contract approval an agreement will

be executed with UTDC. It will be prepared by UTDC attorneys, and submitted to the City Attorney for review. The funds can be paid "up front." Mr. Wentz added that the money can also be withheld from progress payments to UTDC if necessary.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn said it is possible a student would receive funds in his junior year. If he dropped out, would UTDC allow funds to be used for another student? Mr. Newkirk replied that ESCMT would oversee the program.

Commissioner Flynn stated he is completely unhappy with the affirmative action proposal, but will vote to approve the proposed contract because staff was instructed to negotiate the affirmative action portion of the contract and brought back this package. Also, the filling of 55 maintenance positions is contingent upon our negotiating this contract with UTDC. He said it would be unfair to keep 55 jobs plus the reorganization plan in "limbo."

Resolution 77-0423--Approving travel expense advance of \$1200 for expenses of Deputy City Attorney Donald K. Negi to attend and take the depositions of the plaintiff Kathleen J. Collings and her doctors in Cardiff, Wales, in the case of Kathleen J. Collings v. City and County of San Francisco, Superior Court No. 714-688.

Commissioner Pilcher asked why it is necessary for someone from San Francisco to go to Wales. President Henning stated he had spoken to George P. Agnost, Chief Trial Attorney. He requested that Mr. Agnost be asked to come to the meeting, and that this matter be discussed at that time.

Resolution 77-0424--Setting date for public hearing to consider revision of the existing schedule of charter rates and charges by the Municipal Railway.

Mr. Wentz suggested the date of October 11, 1977, as this would give enough time for appropriate notice. The Commission voted unanimously to hold the public hearing October 11, 1977.

Resolution 77-0429--Setting date for public hearing to consider Municipal Railway Grant Applications for National Mass Transportation Assistance Act funding for operating purposes.

Mr. Wentz recommended the date of October 25, 1977 as 30 days' notice is required by the Federal government. He said information must be presented as to the use and need for money according to Federal guidelines.

The Commission voted to set the date of October 25, 1977 for this public hearing.

Mr. George C. Agnost, Chief Trial Attorney, discussed Resolution 77-0423. He said the City Attorney could move to require the plaintiff to come to San Francisco. At the very least this would require payment to plaintiff of transportation and housing costs. If she were brought here just prior to the trial, it would require paying housing costs.

Commissioner Pilcher asked if an attorney in Cardiff, Wales could take the depositions. Mr. Agnost replied that by the time an attorney was found and paid to review the records, costs would be about \$500. An attorney here is familiar with the case. By having him go to Wales, we also obtain the medical depositions, and possibly the case could be concluded this year. The plaintiff is reluctant to return to San Francisco.

An attorney from Wales would have to be acquainted with American trial procedures. This would not save more than \$600, and must be weighed against the ultimate cost of the entire case. Mr. Agnost said the case is one of abject liability, and he thinks it would be best to handle it by having our attorney go to Wales.

Resolution 77-0423 was then unanimously adopted by the Commission.

Resolution 77-0430--Authorizing the General Manager of Public Utilities to seek bids and hire a private contractor to provide building and grounds security service to the Municipal Railway.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Henning, Mr. Wentz stated security is now provided by an in-house cadre of staff. Mr. Green advised that a group of 14 employees patrol nine installations 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by mobile patrol. Six installations have stationary employees, and three employees work Forest Hill Station for the period that facility is open. A rash of bus thefts occurred several years ago. A person who steals a bus is likely to have an accident, for which the City would be liable. However, since Muni has had a security detail, there has been no repetition of bus stealing.

President Henning asked if present employees have permanent Civil Service status. Mr. Green replied in the affirmative, and stated that a request was sent forward in last year's budget for reclassification of these positions. However, the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors decided to see if these services could be provided in a better fashion. Requisitions are presently filled, and positions are City-wide. If a private contractor were hired, these employees could be reassigned by Civil Service to other installations, and they would have seniority over people on a list.

Mr. Green added that Mr. Eugene Womack, Director, Personnel and Training, is working in concert with Civil Service to see that no one loses his job.

Item 29--Authorizing the General Manager of Public Utilities to negotiate an amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services between Bentley Engineers, Inc. and the CCSF to effect the design of necessary facilities on a 0.6-acre site on the east side of Tennessee St. between 22nd and Tubbs Streets.

Mr. Green stated that the Commission had instructed staff to report back in more detail regarding acquiring more storage facilities at the Woods Division. The key issues are: sufficient reason to acquire the property; and justification for the cost.

Diesel coach needs for the foreseeable future are 525 coaches. Available storage facilities are: existing facilities at Woods Division - 192; Kirkland Division - 130; and U. S. Steel Division (if secured) - 170; for a total of 492, leaving a short fall of 33 spaces. There is limited space inside buildings when coaches are not in use.

There are presently 24 "Owls" in service, and 10 more coaches on lifts. However, when maintenance work is being done there must be an area for "lay down." Woods facility will be the major overhauling facility, and when buses are assigned for maintenance there must be spaces at Woods to have them there at the time maintenance is scheduled. Also, component parts and a work order for mechanic must be available. A damaged bus can be taken to Kirkland Yard and put in the assigned place until the maintenance facility is ready to perform the work. Then

someone will have to get it, or the bus can be taken to where it is to be repaired, if there is a place to put it.

Mr. Green stated that AC Transit has 13-1/2 acres and the ability to store 20 buses an acre. Muni has 13-1/2 acres to crowd 40 buses on each acre.

Mr. Green then referred to a drawing showing the yard, maintenance buildings, and the 0.6 acre site situated close to the facility. He stated the California Highway Patrol is demanding that a great deal more time be spent on steam cleaning engines. This property would also allow for a space to steam clean engines up to the standards demanded by the CHP. Acquisition of property will require \$850,000 - including relocating occupants of five housing units, and development of the facility. If staff were to have to find space now, it would call for double decking of some property, which would be very costly. The cost would be four or five times the cost of acquiring this property.

Responding to a question from President Henning, Mr. Rino Bei, Program Director, Transit Improvement Program, said that in 1973 the cost for a full double deck at Woods was \$3 million. Also, double decking does reduce the capacity underneath because of the columns.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Pilcher, Mr. Bei said that \$450,000 is for acquisition of the property, \$150,000 is for relocation, and \$250,000 is for development.

Commissioner Flynn inquired about problems in the neighborhood, and Mr. Green replied that there are complaints regarding buses parked around Muni installations.

President Henning stated more data is needed, and that leasing and double decking should be investigated.

Mr. Bei said that in 1972 a public hearing was held, and Muni agreed no operations would go north of 22nd Street.

During the construction of Woods, the west side of Tennessee Street was brought up to grade and paved half-way across, complying with official standards. Department of Public Works will put 22nd Street completely through at no cost to Muni. Plans and specifications have been developed, and they are waiting to see if Muni acquires the property.

Mr. Lawrence B. Martin, President, TWU-Local 250A, said this program is needed for preventive maintenance facilities.

Commissioner Flynn said staff should bring back to the Commission the results of polling people in the neighborhood. Also comparisons should be made of assessments and Real Estate Department estimates on the value of the properties.

President Henning stated he would like some input on priorities--what other projects might be funded with this money.

Commissioner McCrea stated he would prefer that facilities such as this be brought before the Commission after a five year plan has been developed.

Mr. Wentz then said that about a week ago a six year capital improvements plan was initiated as part of our annual budget submission to the Planning Department and CIAC. This program will be in complete detail - each individual project, cost, source of funding, etc. This plan will be before the Commission within 30 days. He also said the people involved in the five units of property will be better housed under redevelopment.

President Henning instructed that this item be taken off calendar.

Mr. Bei reported that the property owners have petitioned that the street be improved. This would be by assessment district.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:50 p.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

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2:34 p.m.

September 27, 1977

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John B. Wentz

GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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SECRETARY

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Peter McCrea,
H. Welton Flynn, Joseph P. Byrne, Claire C. Pilcher

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 1977 were approved.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0434 G

Approving John M. Christensen, Jr.'s service as
Acting General Manager during General Manager's
absence

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0435 G

Approving George L. Carey's service as Acting
Secretary during Secretary's absence

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0436 H

Approving proposal for construction of new street
lighting on Laguna Honda Blvd.

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0437 H

Approving credit modification no. 1 under HH
Contract No. 529 - \$700

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0438 H

Approving award HH Contract No. 568 to Eagan &
Paradiso Construction Co., Oakland, CA for Moccasin
vehicle refueling station - \$24,868

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0439 H

Approving award HH Contract No. 532 to Amelco
Electric of S.F. for streetcar overhead system con-
version - \$441,552

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the
following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0440 W Approving execution of professional services agreement with joint venture of Brown and Caldwell - James M. Montgomery, Consulting Engineers, Inc. for services relating to study of booster stations, transmission pipelines and water treatment plant - not to exceed \$120,000
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher
- On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0441 W Approving completion of WD Contract No. 1693
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0442 W Approving collection of claims against miscellaneous debtors for August - \$926.44
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0443 M Approving write-off uncollectible accounts for 90 days past due - \$128.78 - approving collection of claims against miscellaneous debtors for August - \$4,520.72
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher
- On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0444 M Approving payment of claims from revolving fund - \$64,328.80
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher
- On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0433 M Approving Controller draw warrants to settle claims - \$41,435.94
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher
- On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0445 M Approving travel expense voucher for Rino Bei - \$718.78
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0446 M

Approving amendment no. 4 to IECO professional service agreement - \$172,771

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Secretary, Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Conservation Task Force

Mr. John B. Wentz, General Manager of Public Utilities, said the Conservation Task Force will launch the city-wide conservation program at a 9:30 a.m. meeting on October 17, 1977. The Task Force will be headed by Patrick J. Phillips, Assistant General Manager of Hetch Hetchy, and Robert Vasconcellos, Acting Manager of the Water Department's Commercial Division. Mayor Moscone is expected to be present.

The 25-member Task Force will include representatives of key City departments. A technical staff will be organized in another committee. The committee eventually will be broadened to include representation from the private sector.

Commissioner McCrea requested that this matter be placed on the calendar of October 11, 1977, as he would like to discuss it.

Title II Funds Request

Mr. Wentz reported that this matter will be referred to the Mayor on September 29, 1977. It then will go to CIAC, and will be on the Board of Supervisors' agenda October 10. From there it will go to the Finance Committee on October 19 and back presumably for final approval by the Board of Supervisors on October 24. By November 1, 1977, the program should be in operation. All of Muni's basic requests have been approved for a total of \$1,244,997.67, which includes \$490,027 for the streetcar maintenance program.

Cable Car Extension Turnaround

The Port Commission has postponed further action on the cable car turnaround lease until October 12, 1977. It is hoped the City's proposal will be approved at that time.

SFMRIC

Mr. Wentz reported successful negotiations on behalf of the SFMRIC with respect to Flyer Industries on September 19, 1977. The contract is now nearing completion.

OSHA

Mr. Wentz distributed the monthly OSHA report to the Commission. Thirteen unabated violations remain, and these are being corrected.

Manning Schedule for LRV Cars

Mr. Wentz referred to a communication from Supervisor Quentin Kopp expressing concern over the manning schedule for LRV cars. He said a reply should be sent to Supervisor Kopp by September 30, 1977. The difficulty in scheduling to switch operators, security problems, not

being in a walk through situation like rapid transit, and the Boston practice (which San Francisco would mirror) would be outlined.

President Henning said the Commission could perhaps share with the public some of the considerations behind the manning procedures and methods

Mr. Wentz stated it should be emphasized that the subject is still under review. However, it would be difficult to schedule the cars and operators so that as the cars come out of Twin Peaks Tunnel at West Portal Station enough operators would be available. This could possibly be resolved by establishing some sort of pool, but it is a very difficult and complex scheduling effort. He said that at the hearings held before the Commission seven or eight years ago there was a great clamor on the part of the public for security reasons.

San Francisco cars are not built like BART cars, and once a person has boarded a car there is no "walk-through" access through joined cars. Boston's MBTA and other light rail systems utilize one operator on each car. Practice has shown this to be practical. The configuration of San Francisco's track system is much different than that in Boston, and the decision made seven or eight years ago was not made lightly. However, there is a need to reevaluate the matter in the interest of a cost effective operation.

President Henning added that the configuration of trains would not always be in units of three--they might be single or in units of two, three or four.

He said that allegations of "feather bedding" under union pressure, are untrue. An effort was made to minimize personnel requirements.

Mr. Wentz said a letter to Supervisor Kopp will be ready Friday afternoon, and President Henning instructed that the letter be circulated to the Commission.

Mr. Lawrence B. Martin, President, TWU Local 250-A, said it was originally planned to have a person at each door, or two persons on each car to watch both doors. The person in front cannot see the last door. When there are three doors there is a fare problem. Boston makes everyone leave by the front door.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Pilcher about the transit police force, Mr. Wentz stated they ride on a spot check basis. There are 1,000 cars in service and only 100 members of the transit police force.

Commissioner McCrea said he has heard various numbers - between 20 and 50 percent - of hours spent in the subway. In responding to Supervisor Kopp, that number should be established and defined.

Commissioner Flynn asked about a response to an editorial in the Chronicle. After some discussion among staff and Commissioners, Mr. Wentz was instructed to draft a "letter to the editor" for President Henning's signature.

Cable Car Advertising

Ideas for cable car advertising to be carried on cable cars with the new paint scheme were presented. Two newly painted cars were finished and were generally well accepted by the public. Now the balance of the cable cars will be painted. The new design will entail some adjustments in advertising frames to make them compatible. Muni does have a contract with Metro Transit Advertising which indicates that the Municipal Railway General Manager has wide discretion in determining which form advertising should take. The new scheme will provide that Muni does not have a loss of revenue. During fiscal year 1976-77 a total of \$235,935 was collected on cable cars alone, and cable car advertising makes up a large percentage of the monies received from the contract.

Mr. Rod Bartholomew, Acting Deputy General Manager, Operations and Administration explained with the aid of charts how rear destination wording could be adjusted to accommodate advertising. He said Mr. Phillips has indicated that advertisers will make signs compatible with the car design. On the front of the cars, rather than being rectangular in shape, advertising signs will be round in order to be compatible with circular destination signs. Continuing signs on the sides of the cars will require changing car numbers to a lower panel.

Commissioner Flynn inquired about revenue from Metro Transit Advertising during the past year. Dr. Christensen explained that the contract calls for a minimum of \$350,000, and the firm has met the minimum. This year the forecast is greatly in excess of the minimum, and will hopefully be in the neighborhood of \$500,000.

Commissioner McCrea stated his concern about the increasing size of side signs on Muni vehicles, and Mr. Green said he will investigate. President Henning instructed Mr. Green to bring a statement to the next Commission meeting.

Item 22--Report on status of water penalty program--was taken out of order.

Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, General Manager, San Francisco Water Department, reported that penalties are excess water usage charges, and are collected in the same manner as water bills. From July 1, 1977, to September 23, 1977, \$228,012 has been collected in penalties. Of a total of 153,816 accounts, as of September 26, 1977, approximately 3900 were in penalty status--or about 2-1/2 percent of Water Department customers. Of those, about 45 percent owe penalties of \$10 or less. Approximately five percent owe penalties of \$100 or more - up to \$2,000 or \$3,000.

Mr. Wentz added that the bill collection procedure is the standard procedure which routinely includes shutting off water for non-payment of bills. He said new legislation has been passed by the State which requires seven days' notice before any actual cut off of service. Staff is investigating and will inform the Commission of any effects this bill will have on the Water Department.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Flynn, Mr. Boyd stated that penalties fall under the lien law.

Commissioner McCrea said the Water Department figures are fabulous in that only about 2-1/2 percent of all customers are in penalty status. He said this deserves commendation.

Repair of leaks on 48" water main on Potrero Avenue near 25th Street, and at U. S. Public Health Service Hospital.

Regarding this main break at the U. S. Public Health Service Hospital, Mr. Boyd reported that the telephone call was received at 10:27 p.m. Staff went to premises and then to California Street where the water was shut off at 11:15 p.m. The water main is U. S. Public Health Service property. Within an hour and 15 minutes Water Department staff had turned on an auxiliary supply to the Hospital.

Mr. Boyd said the 48" steel main on Potrero Avenue is 50 to 60 years old, and is under six feet of paving, one foot of which is concrete. The leak was monitored on Saturday and Sunday, September 24th and 25th. On Saturday the leak was six or seven gallons a minute, and on Sunday it was 15 gallons a minute. Repairing a leak of this type requires experienced and skilled workers of several crafts. A leak of this type occurs about once every two years. Mr. Boyd said his decision was to begin repairs at 6:00 a.m., Monday, September 26, 1977. By 4:00 p.m. the first leak was repaired, the second one was repaired at mid-night, and a third at 3:00 a.m. Leaks were attributed to electrolysis.

Mr. Wentz stated that value to the City of water lost is about \$100, and the retail value is about \$180. Having a trained crew on standby at all times would cost about \$10,000 per month.

Mr. Boyd stated that at no time was his decision to put the job over to September 26 based on any intent to save money.

President Henning pointed out that this 48" main serves the entire downtown area, and there could be a total disruption of service to large hotels.

Mr. Boyd stated there are two mains serving the downtown area.

Commissioner McCrea asked about replacement monies because the two breaks in one weekend could indicate trouble. He said the City has been deferring a great deal of maintenance.

Commissioner Byrne stated that each year capital expenditure items are deleted from the budget, and he thinks the Water Department has done an outstanding job.

Resolution 77-0434--Appointing Dr. John M. Christensen, Jr. to serve as Acting General Manager, Public Utilities Commission, during the absence of John B. Wentz, General Manager of Public Utilities.

Resolution 77-0435--Appointing George L. Carey, Chief Accountant, to serve as Acting Secretary, Public Utilities Commission, during the absence of Romaine A. Smith, Secretary.

On motion of Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher, the above two resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Commission.

UTDC Contract

Mr. Wentz advised that as of 2:15 p.m. this date the UTDC contract was certified by the Controller.

Item 15--Discussion of process proposed by staff to modify and obtain approval for implementation of Municipal Railway Planning, Operations and Marketing (POM) Study route change recommendations.

Mr. Curtis E. Green, General Manager, Municipal Railway, made a presentation to the Commission as follows:

He stated staff came before the Commission several weeks ago with the draft final report of the POM study. At that time the Commission instructed staff to return with a recommended plan for public involvement in the implementation of the recommendations of the study. Staff now has a 7-point recommended process for review, modification and approval of the POM study.

(1) It is felt that the Planning Department should continue outreach activities. The Planning Department has put together a slide presentation entitled "Fundamentals of Successful Public Transit," and they have been appearing before interested groups. It is proposed that it be expanded and continued. This may mean 50 or 60 meetings. This program would also be supplemented by a program of public involvement by the San Francisco Muni Coalition. It is felt that staff can participate with them, and can help to advertise meetings.

(2) Mr. Green said there should be continuous transportation scheduling and evaluation of the recommended plan, taking into consideration any new recommendations that come from the outreach program.

(3) The San Francisco Latent Transportation Demand Survey should be funded and carried out as rapidly as possible by consultants - as early as possible in 1978.

(4) Staff recommends that the Commission conduct necessary public hearings in the form of evening meetings in various neighborhoods. Five meetings should be adequate - to take place in April and May, 1978.

(5) Following these meetings the Commission would hear at a regular meeting the entire route structuring program. The Charter requires that within 30 days following Commission resolution the Board of Supervisors must act. By June of 1978 the Commission could hold its hearings.

(6) Staff feels there should be a phasing in of the program as recommended by Wilbur Smith and Associates, which should take two or three years.

(7) There are UMTA and MTC requirements. MTC requires a 5-year program by February, 1978. Staff is proposing that the plan for the first year only be submitted to MTC, and that the plan include only recommendations that are non-controversial.

Mr. Green said that included in the 7-point proposal is a schedule chart and a list of a number of organizations before which staff will be appearing. This list is not complete - only illustrative.

President Henning inquired about including the 11 supervisorial districts in the outreach program.

Mr. Green stated these programs are far reaching and may be controversial, and there are some dates staff perceives as being possible.

Mr. Wentz said the recommended program is an optimistic estimate, and dropping behind a month or so would not be "fatal." He has met with the Muni Coalition twice and has read the proposed program to them.

President Henning said this is a good approach, and that it is worth while to sit down with the Muni Coalition. Affected neighborhoods should be the first to be heard.

Commissioner McCrea said he is a "scarred veteran" of many public hearings, and where the results are a long time in coming relevancy is meaningless. He said that before public meetings are scheduled, the planning staff should lay out the sequence to implement the POM study, as there are big differences as to when this can be done. Staff should first come up with a tentative recommendation of big block phasings.

Commissioner McCrea said neighborhood meetings must give some indication of an implementation time. He asked if staff really wants to package up the entire plan or get it approved in segments.

Mr. Green replied that staff wishes to have the entire package done, and then phased in in segments. He said this is the most difficult and complex problem. Staff could approach it in a piecemeal fashion or sell it all.

Commissioner Pilcher questioned the 50 or 60 groups. She said SPUR has a list of 200 groups and organizations, and perhaps three to five percent of those who use Muni belong to neighborhood groups.

Mr. Green said staff intends to advertise and organize to get as much public support as possible.

President Henning stated the outreach program involves the staff going to individual organizations. To reach the middle ground the Commission would have five general sessions.

Commissioner Pilcher asked about the 11 supervisorial district approach.

President Henning replied that it is his understanding that it is the intent of the staff that this would be a part of the outreach program by allowing staff to go in on an information basis.

Mr. Green said it is not the intent of staff to become involved with a particular supervisor in a particular district. However, the City is divided into 11 districts, and if possible, staff will use the positive side of this fact and get public input. Fifty or sixty meetings are the minimum number of meetings to be held. Staff is willing to participate with anyone having any interest whatsoever.

Commissioner McCrea said he shares Commissioner Pilcher's concern that going through neighborhood organizations isn't going to be terribly effective in getting maximum involvement. He feels there should be at least two meetings covering these large areas - one in which proposals are presented and questions answered, and then a meeting one or two weeks later. Following these meetings a hearing should be held. He stated he is not convinced that the outreach program satisfies the total requirement to get discussions to big groups of people. The outreach program is fine, but at some point he would like to see a hearing - say, in the Richmond District. There could be a plan to have two PUC sponsored hearings in the Richmond District two weeks apart and advertised simultaneously. The first meeting would involve proposals, and the second meeting would involve community reaction to proposals.

Commissioner Pilcher suggested that there be a month between meetings rather than two weeks. This would give people more time to study proposals.

Mr. Green said serious consideration would be given to the above.

Commissioner McCrea added that at the first meeting the Commission would not be present; and President Henning said these meetings would be merely hearings. Action would be resolved at a regular Tuesday meeting of the Commission.

Mr. Wade Hudson of the Muni Coalition stated there is a need for public input throughout the City on the changes recommended by the Wilbur Smith and Associates report. What is being proposed is a fundamental restructuring of the entire system. All areas of the City should be touched over the course of the next several months. There is some inadequacy in going to existing organizations. He said if Muni is going to reach out to patrons and potential patrons, the proposed program could become a political football. If Muni does not cooperate with people within each of the 11 supervisorial districts a stance of distance and lack of cooperation will be communicated. Mr. Hudson said the Muni Coalition has sought to cooperate, and asked if public meetings in the 11 districts could be noted on Muni vehicles.

Commissioner Pilcher stated that some important groups have been left out. The proposal has been widely circulated, and no one has spoken in opposition to it.

Mr. Elberling of CAP-Trans asked if today's discussion will determine future actions of staff and Commission.

President Henning replied that today's discussion involves only ground rules - general guidelines and parameters.

Mr. Elberling said he would like to see Mr. Green's proposal modified. He questioned the advisability of the Commission meeting five times around the City and one time at a regular Commission meeting.

Commissioner McCrea said there will be pre-meetings. If 11 pre-meetings are held this will be what the Muni Coalition is requesting.

Mr. Robert Collow of Noe Valley said his organization is not opposed to district meetings.

In conclusion the Commission gave approval in principle to the work program outlined by staff with the express understanding that workshops would be held (in cooperation with the Muni Coalition) in all 11 supervisorial districts and that area meetings be held by staff a reasonable time before the PUC hearings are scheduled in five area locations.

Resolution 77-0446--Authorizing Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services agreement with International Engineering Co., Inc. (IECO) under which IECO will provide necessary additional consultant services (Transit Improvement Program).

Responding to a question from President Henning, Mr. Rino Bei, Program Manager, Transit Improvement Program, stated that this Agreement was approximately 86 percent completed as of August 31, 1977. Target date for completion is April 1978.

Item 21--Proposal for creation of project manager and task force to strengthen control and direction of the Muni Metro system.

Mr. Wentz said a great deal of time has been spent on this matter by four members of the Mayor's staff and four or five PUC staff members. UMTA will assume 80 percent of the cost. It is proposed that the task force be headed by Mr. John Bailey of the firm of Louis T. Klauder. Mr. Wentz said going into the open market had been considered. However, there are a limited number of other firms available, and time is an important factor. John Bailey is a senior man, and this arrangement is the most effective way to get a person of his caliber.

President Henning stated he is concerned with the single source approach and any legal problems.

Mr. McMorris M. Dow, Utilities General Counsel, said there would be no legal problems as long as this is part of the completion of the Muni system.

Commissioner Flynn said he thinks the Commission should be given other options. He wondered how objective Mr. Bailey could be with Mr. Klauder.

Commissioner McCrea said the work to be performed involves a working conflict of interest.

Mr. Wentz advised it will take 30 days to get approval through UMTA for funding, and Mr. Bailey would be available the minute approval is received. If an individual is "hired off the street" it will be difficult to obtain someone for a two-year job, and it would take about four months to go through Civil Service. The other alternative would be to hire a firm such as Bechtel or Kaiser, and this would require a request for proposal which would take 90 days.

Commissioner Byrne asked if there were an individual on the staff who could be trained for this particular job. Mr. Rino Bei stated that whoever does the job will spend 100 percent of his time on that job. He said Muni staff are all doing many other jobs in addition to their own.

Responding to questions from Commissioners Henning and Pilcher, Mr. Wentz stated that the consultant must be approved by UMTA, and that UMTA will approve the Klauder firm.

Commissioner McCrea said firms such as Bechtel and Kaiser should be approached - also management consultant firms. Specific roles and legal and ethical responsibilities should be weighed against the value to be received by the proposal. He added that what Klauder is doing for the City to date is being done for Boston by Kaiser Engineers, Inc.

Mr. Wentz said staff will outline all of the alternatives available.

President Henning instructed staff to put the item over until staff is ready to present it again. If necessary, a special meeting will be called so that Messrs. Wentz and Green can be present.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:45 p.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

M I N U T E S

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 300, 101 Grove Street

3:13 p.m.

October 7, 1977

SPECIAL MEETING

COMMISSIONERS

John F. Henning, Jr., President

Peter McCrea, Vice President

H. Welton Flynn

Joseph P. Byrne

Claire C. Pilcher

DEPARTMENTS

Municipal Railway

Hetch Hetchy Project

Water Department

BUREAUS

Accounts

Public Service

Personnel & Training

Safety

Computer Center

John B. Wentz

GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Rose Vossen

ACTING SECRETARY

Present: Commissioners Peter McCrea, H. Walton Flynn,
Claire C. Pilcher

Absent: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Joseph P. Byrne

Vice President Peter McCrea presided.

RESOLUTION

NO.

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0448A G Approving Rose Vossen as Acting Secretary during absence of Romaine Smith and George Carey

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0448B G Approving request for proposal insuring competitive approach in obtaining Project Manager for Muni Metro system

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher

The above resolutions are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Acting Secretary

Mr. John B. Wentz, General Manager of Public Utilities, stated that at the meeting of September 27, 1977, Resolution No. 77-0435 was adopted, authorizing George L. Carey to serve as Acting Secretary during the Secretary's absence. He said Mr. Carey is now hospitalized. Mr. Wentz introduced Resolution No. 77-0448A authorizing Rose Vossen to serve as Acting Secretary in the absence of Romaine A. Smith, Secretary, and George L. Carey, Chief Accountant. On motion of Commissioner Pilcher, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, Resolution No. 77-0448A was adopted.

Resolution 77-0448B--Proposal for creation of Task Force to strengthen control and direction of the Muni Metro system (deferred from calendar of September 27, 1977).

Mr. Wentz referred to a memorandum of October 3, 1977, which was sent to the Commissioners. This memorandum included an analysis of four alternatives for selection of a Project Manager. These alternatives are as follows: (1) Selection of a present PUC staff member; (2) Recruiting in the national labor market for a management/engineering individual; (3) Contracting with another multi-disciplinary consulting firm; (4) Contracting with Louis T. Klauder for assignment of John A. Bailey as Project Manager.

Mr. Wentz said he feels contracting with Louis T. Klauder has advantages which outweigh the disadvantages. However, he proposed, on recommendation of staff, a compromise alternative to contact a number of known consultants. This proposal could save four to six weeks time over issuing a blank call to anyone interested.

He referred to a list of eight consultants with some expertise in this field. A request for proposal could be prepared and circulated for

Commission approval. The proposal could be sent to these consultants, and those who responded could be interviewed. Mr. Wentz suggested that the Commission designate two of its members to sit on the review committee. He said staff is preparing a calendar item for the Commission which will seek approval from UMTA even though a Project Manager has not yet been selected for the Task Force team.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Pilcher, George E. Baglin, Utilities General Counsel, stated that under the Charter professional service type contracts do not have to be let out to bid. Contacting six or eight firms is adequate coverage.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Flynn, Mr. Wentz stated that if the Klauder firm were approved, Mr. Bailey would be "on board" within 30 days. He said that contacting a number of known consultants would require 2-1/2 to 3 months.

Commissioner Flynn suggested setting the timetable a little tighter. He also questioned having any members of the Commission on the interview team, as they would be voting on the same people. Commissioner Flynn stated he would not want to sit in judgment on a team he had interviewed.

Mr. Wentz stated that staff wishes to move as quickly as possible on whatever course is selected by the Commission.

Commissioner Flynn questioned possible differences in cost of the four alternatives.

Mr. Wentz replied staff assumes consultants would charge comparable fees. He said the largest cost involves the four staff members to be hired for 2-1/2 years, plus some travel expenses. The consultant's fee is the smallest portion of the cost. Staff would include the same allowance in the UMTA application as calculated for Klauder.

Commissioner Flynn stated he would prefer to rely on Mr. Wentz, Dr. Christensen and staff to interview firms and inform the Commission. This would reveal an expression of confidence in staff members. He said a more objective opinion can be obtained from consultants other than Klauder.

Commissioner McCrea said he would like to set a timetable to target the selection of a consultant within six weeks, and concurrently do as much work as possible to minimize the time. He said two weeks to put out a request for proposal, two weeks for response, and two weeks for interviewing and selection would be a comfortable timetable. Commissioner McCrea stated that any interviewing done by Commissioners should be done by the entire Commission.

Mr. Maurice Klebolt, President, CAP-Trans said his organization favors contracting with another multi-disciplinary consulting firm. He said CAP-Trans is dedicated to the premise that Muni Metro can work. He advocated making a request for proposal to eight firms, and hiring a local consultant. He said a minority firm should be added to the list.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pilcher and seconded by Commissioner Flynn that a proposal be adopted to approach eight firms listed, and that eight weeks be allowed to select a firm. This proposal was passed by the Commission.

At 3:45 p.m. President Henning arrived.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:45 p.m.

Rose Vossen
Acting Secretary

M I N U T E S

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

2:37 p.m.

October 11, 1977

COMMISSIONERS

John F. Henning, Jr. President

Peter McCrea, Vice President

H. Welton Flynn

Joseph P. Byrne

Claire C. Pilcher

DEPARTMENTS

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ACTING GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Rose Vossen

ACTING SECRETARY

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Peter McCrea,
H. Welton Flynn, Joseph P. Byrne, Claire C. Pilcher

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 27, 1977 were approved.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of Byrne, seconded by McCrea, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0449 M Approving revision of charter rates and charges
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0450 H Approving bid call for HH Contract No. 570
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0451 H Approving modification no. 3 under HH Contract No.
536 providing funds to complete "Force Account" work -
debit amount of \$9,410.01
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Pilcher, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0452 H Approving modification no. 8 under HH Contract No.
522 providing funds for cable splicing and related
work - debit amount of \$9,994.17
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0453 H Approving supplemental appropriation providing funds
replacing calculator - \$800
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0454 W Approving bid call for WD Contract No. 1734
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Byrne, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0455 W Approving write-off uncollectible accounts more than
90 days past due - \$6,145.48

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0456 W Approving modification in resale customer's contract with Milpitas allowing reduction in minimum billing during drought

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0457 M Approving supplemental appropriation providing membership funds in RTA - \$500

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0458 M Approving bid call for MR Contract No. 655

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0459 M Approving award of MR Contract No. 647 to Homer J. Olsen, Inc., of San Francisco for J-Line track reconstruction, sewer replacement and enlargement-\$1,298,430

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0460 M Approving modification no. 9 on Contract No. 618 to delete two crossover installations - \$12,400 credit

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0461 M Approving modification no 10 for Contract No. 618 for additional pole foundation construction and emergency work compensation for contractor - maximum debit amount of \$4,413.13

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0462 M Approving MTC grant application funding three positions for Planning Division staff and funding transportation survey

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0463 M Approving Lyle Peterson as Coordinator of transit-dysfunctional handicapped and elderly study
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0464 M Approving completion of Contract No. CT #6-0254
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0465 M Approving Peter Straus's travel expenses - \$577.22
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0466 M Approving withdrawal of claim against underwriters at Lloyd's of London in Anne Tagore case
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0467 M Approving revolving fund claims payment - \$8,422.55
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0447 M Approving settlement of claims against MR - \$8,750
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0468 M Approving application for amendment to SIP grant
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

American Public Transit Association (APTA)

Dr. John M. Christensen, Jr., Acting General Manager of Public Utilities, reported that Mr. John B. Wentz, General Manager of Public Utilities, and Mr. Curtis E. Green, General Manager, Municipal Railway, are attending the APTA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Ga.

Cable Car Terminal at Fisherman's Wharf

This matter will be heard at the Port Commission meeting on October 12, 1977.

Boeing Vertol

This company is now on strike. During this period before walkout, it is Boeing's intention to send two cars for test purposes to San Francisco, even though all modifications are not completed. Those not completed will be retrofitted here.

Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District

Dr. Christensen explained that "many strings" were attached to the reported Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District \$1 million payment to Muni. The money would be used only for projects to assist the District in serving its customers in San Francisco, and would be of little advantage to Muni. It is no direct subsidy to Muni.

Commissioner Peter McCrea asked if staff is going to oppose Golden Gate Transit revenue sharing.

Dr. Christensen replied staff will try to obtain the funds. For example, with the Muni-Golden Gate Ferry fare discount there could be some advantage to Muni if at the end of the trial period it is apparent that Muni is losing money. Then the Golden Gate Bridge District could be requested to pick up the deficit. There are no capital programs visible at present to the advantage of San Francisco.

Commissioner McCrea stated there are two possible capital projects:

- (1) Some form of improved transit access to the Ferry Building;
- (2) Implementation of part of the Golden Gate Corridor transit study.

Dr. Christensen said these will be investigated when something more materializes on \$1 million.

Subsidized Southern Pacific Peninsula Fares

Ligislation has been adopted in Sacramento providing for subsidizing Southern Pacific Peninsula commute fares. It permits Santa Clara, San Mateo and San Francisco Counties to provide subsidies to riders of SP commute trains by discounting tickets acquired in bulk from the Southern Pacific Company. The most recent TDA grants were for \$500,000 in Santa Clara, \$600,000 in San Mateo and \$50,000 in San Francisco. There has been no action to date by MTC or Cal-Trans in attempting to develop an integrated plan. Muni is now working with Sam-Trans, Santa Clara and MTC to formulate a plan.

OSHA

Eight unabated violations remain--six at woods, and two at Potrero.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Claire C. Pilcher asked if the PUC representative to Planning Commission meetings goes with policy directives.

Dr. Christensen replied that the representative's concern is for the best interests of the City and are in line with PUC policies.

Commissioner Pilcher stated she would like to discuss this matter with the General Manager.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Pilcher, Dr. Christensen stated approximately 20 percent of City taxes go to Muni.

Commissioner Pilcher asked if a proposal could be placed on the agenda for the Commission meeting of October 25, 1977, to have bee keepers on

watershed property forward an operating proposal to the Commission. The proposal should include the number of bee keepers, who they are, and how long they have been there. Also included should be the number of suits against the City for bee stings, and the number of applicants within the past two years, and the names and dates of application.

President Henning said this proposal should be incorporated with the letter from the City Attorney's Office.

Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, General Manager, San Francisco Water Department, stated that in his memorandum to the Commission it was explained that the Water Department has taken a position, which policy could be changed by the Commission.

Mr. Baglin said there have been no suits during the past eight years.

Commissioner Byrne stated that several months ago a motion was passed regarding an arbitration clause in City contracts, which was referred to the office of the City Attorney. Mr. Baglin said it was concluded it would be illegal under the Charter to arbitrate a contract dispute because such action by an outsider would be a delegation of power to a third party by the Commission. President Henning instructed that this matter be placed on the agenda for the Commission meeting of October 25, 1977.

Item 8 - PUBLIC HEARING - To approve revision of transfer privileges on Muni Route 78--GOLDEN GATE PARK

Mr. George Duarte, Deputy General Manager, reported that Muni is proposing that a transfer be issued for use only on the 78 Line for on-off purposes anywhere in the Park from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. On leaving the Park a person could transfer to another coach. However, a passenger coming to the Park on a Muni bus with a transfer to the 78 Line is only entitled to one ride with this transfer. It would be necessary to pay another 25 cents in order to transfer again in the Park.

Commissioner Pilcher said this is a very complex system, and there could be difficulty in explaining it to the public. Children could ride all day long on five cents. Perhaps they should be charged five cents each time they board a 78 bus in the Park.

Commissioner Pilcher inquired about advertising the 78 Line, and Mr. Rod Bartholomew, Acting General Manager, Operations and Administration, stated interior car cards have been used throughout the system. Also, the media has been notified, and staff was informed that the Recreation and Park Department and the museums would publicize the service.

President Henning instructed that this item be put over to the Commission meeting of October 25, 1977, and that staff check with the Commission on Aging.

Commissioner Pilcher said she would like to see communication with the Recreation and Park Department and the museums, and the possibility of alternative fare systems explored. Perhaps the 78 Line could be treated as a shoppers' shuttle or express line.

Mr. Bartholomew said the 78 Line is a no-cost service.

Resolution 77-0449--PUBLIC HEARING--To approve revision of the existing schedule of charter rates and charges by the Municipal Railway

Mr. Duarte stated that current charter rates are outdated, and that UMTA guidelines require that cost of charters be met by rates charged.

Mr. John W. Madden, Chief Accountant, reported that charter rates were last revised in September, 1964. Muni is requesting a revised schedule in order to cover more of its costs. Presently, charter revenue amounts to \$50,000 per year, a relatively small item. Muni is charging 1964 rates at present.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn asked if in some instances Muni had actually charged more than 1964 rates and that this be investigated.

Mr. Madden stated the Municipal Railway is trying to run charter service at no increased cost to the system.

Resolution 77-0454--Authorizing bid call for WD Contract No. 1734 - air condition system modification at 425 Mason Street - estimated cost of work, \$15,000

Responding to a question from Commissioner Pilcher, Mr. Boyd stated ultimate savings would be 25,000 gallons of water per day.

In answer to a question from Commissioner Henning regarding doing the same thing at City Hall, Mr. Boyd replied that the Water Department is using drinking water, while the City Hall is going to a well under City Hall and will be using non-treated water to cool the computer machinery.

Commissioner Joseph P. Byrne inquired about maintenance, which Mr. Boyd said would be negligible.

Commissioner Pilcher stated that the Water Department appears to be reacting two years after the beginning of the drought.

Mr. Boyd said that since the inception of water rationing the Department has been working on water conservation. As the system grows to supply two million people there is an ultimate end to available snow and rain water. He said this air conditioning system modification is a lead to conservation for the future.

Resolution 77-0456--Modifying the resale customer's contract with the City of Milpitas to allow a reduction in the minimum billing charges during the period of the present drought.

Mr. Boyd reported that the City of Milpitas has a unique type of contract in which they agreed to buy a minimum quantity of water. For several years the City of Milpitas has been unable to use the minimum quantity for which they contracted. The contract specifies that Milpitas must pay the City up to that minimum quantity. Today, since Milpitas has been restricted under water rationing to 3/4 as much water as was used in 1976, there is an inequity. This action will place them on the same basis as 1976 in determining the minimum payments.

Resolution 77-0459--Awarding MR Contract No. 647, in total net amount of \$1,298,430 to Homer J. Olsen, Inc., for "J" Line - track reconstruction and sewer replacement and enlargement - Church Street - 22nd Street to 30th Street

Commissioner Pilcher asked if, in light of the experience on 46th Avenue all track reconstruction contracts include pavement vibration isolators.

Mr. Rino Bei, Program Manager, Transit Improvement Program, replied that these isolators have only been necessary on 46th Avenue.

Resolution 77-0462--Approving filing of a grant application with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to fund three additional positions for the Municipal Railway Planning Division staff, and to fund a latent demand transportation survey

Dr. Christensen said the three individuals will be hired through Civil Service, and will spend full time on Municipal Railway planning work. Discussions have been held with MTC, and they have acknowledged that a formal Board of Control is not necessary and that an MTC staff representative would be designated for staff coordination. MTC was approached to provide Muni one of their staff members on a rent-a-planner basis to work with Muni staff but they have no extra planners available at this time.

Resolution 77-0463--Approving the selection of Mr. Lyle Peterson to be the Coordinator of the transit-dysfunctional handicapped and elderly study

Dr. Christensen reported that Mr. Peterson of Denver has been informed he can report to work on October 24, 1977. This has been cleared with Civil Service. A representative of the Board of Control of the study, Mr. John King, was introduced.

Item 29--Presentation of a review of plans which have been crystallized for activation of an energy and water conservation program

Coordinator Patrick J. Phillips stated the first meeting of the Conservation Task Force selected by Mayor Moscone has been scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on October 17, 1977. This is important in regard to setting up a technical committee. He said efforts are being made to get a workable program with City and County departments into effect.

President Henning inquired about the drilling enterprise in City Hall.

Mr. Boyd replied that it has been established that the well is usable. Eventually the water will be re-used in the boiler system. He said he has been informed that the Department of Public Works contract is over half finished, and is expected to be completed in November.

Commissioner McCrea said he is concerned that getting City Department heads together without a fresh look from the outside will not solve the problem. Outside experts should be brought in to advise City Department heads.

Mr. Phillips said the Task Force will endeavor to insure that City efforts at conservation mesh with State and federal programs.

Resolution 77-0468--Approving application for amendment to Muni System Improvement Program (SIP) CA-04-0078 grant to create a project task force for the control and direction of the LRV program

Dr. Christensen stated that the special meeting held October 7, 1977, addressed this question. At that meeting staff was instructed on how to proceed in efforts to develop an appropriate Program Director for the Task Force. He said this resolution outlines in general those matters considered at that meeting with respect to how the Task Force should be established. It sets into motion the request for proposals from transit management consulting firms to provide a Program Director. It directs staff to prepare the necessary grant application to UMTA, and finally provides for a public hearing date on the grant application

to be set at the discretion of the Commission. Since the public hearing must be advertised at least 30 days in advance in order to meet UMTA requirements, Dr. Christensen suggested a special meeting on November 15, 1977.

On motion of Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, Resolution 77-0468 was unanimously adopted by the Commission, with November 15, 1977 being set as the date for the public hearing.

Mr. Boyd reported that water consumption in San Francisco for the month of September 1977, was 35 percent below that of September 1976.

Commissioner McCrea said he noticed in the Sunday paper a "box score" for east Bay Municipal Water District and Marin Municipal Water District conservation. He asked if San Francisco figures could be included.

Mr. Boyd stated San Francisco data is computed on a monthly basis, but that steps would be taken to include Water Department figures published weekly.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:40 p.m.

Rose Vossen
Acting Secretary

M I N U T E S

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

2:37 p.m.

October 25, 1977

COMMISSIONERS

John F. Henning, Jr., President

Peter McCrea, Vice President

H. Welton Flynn

Joseph P. Byrne

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GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Romaine A. Smith

SECRETARY

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Peter McCrea,
H. Welton Flynn, Joseph P. Byrne, Claire C. Pilcher

The minutes of the special meeting of October 7 and the regular meeting of October 11, 1977 were approved.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0471 M Approving opposition of MTC Resolution No. 459
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0472 M Approving grant application for Federal operating assistance provided by NMTA of 1974
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0473 M Approving revision of transfer privileges on Line 78-Golden Gate Park
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0474 H Approving negotiations for professional services contract to prepare EIR for Lake Lloyd Weather Modification Program
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0475 H Approving awarding of HH Contract No. 579 to Homer J. Olsen, Inc., of Union City for underground duct system - \$318,350
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0476 H Approving modification no. 1 under HH Contract No. 555 - debit amount of \$1,765
Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0477 W Approving discontinuance of night lighting at Crystal Springs Golf Course driving range

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher
No-Byrne

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0476 M

Approving bid call for MR Contract No. 617

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0479 M

Approving bid call for MR Contract No. 636

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0480 M

Approving modification no. 1 under MR Contract No. 634 substituting less expensive sealing for track repair - credit amount of \$1,738

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0481 M

Approving payment of claims from revolving fund - \$46,474.89

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0482 M

Approving compromise and collection of claims against miscellaneous debtors - \$4,820.79

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0483 M

Approving UTDC recommendations re maintenance mechanics and reorganization plan; and request for supplemental appropriation adjusting various salaries - \$14,428

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0484 M

Approving travel expense voucher for Curtis E. Green - \$576.89

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0485 M Approving request for supplemental appropriation providing reclassification of Class 1760 to 1762 - \$1,101

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0486 M Approving supplemental appropriation providing funds for overtime and temporary wages - \$97,000

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted;

77-0470 M Approving settlement of claims against Railway - \$57,500

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0487 M Approving travel expense voucher for John B. Wentz - \$581.32

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Secretary, Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Don Pedro Recreation Agency

Mr. John B. Wentz, General Manager of Public Utilities, reported that he attended the monthly meeting of the Don Pedro Recreation agency with Mr. Oral L. Moore, General Manager, Hetch Hetchy Water and Power System, on October 21, 1977. The agency is operated jointly under terms of the Federal Power Commission permit, by the Public Utilities Commission and the Modesto and Turlock Irrigation Districts. Preliminary review of the budget for the calendar year anticipates a drought imposed deficit, of which San Francisco must pay half. This will be reflected in the Hetch Hetchy budget.

APTA

Mr. Wentz stated the annual Conference in Atlanta was excellent, with sessions on planning, finance, Federal involvement, operations, equipment, marketing, maintenance, etc. Many board and commission members from other properties were present. Mr. Curtis E. Green, General Manager, Municipal Railway, was elected Vice President for Human Resources. Mr. Wentz urged attendance at future meetings by members of the Commission.

LRV Task Force

The requests for proposals (RFPs) for LRV Task Force Project Director were mailed today to ten firms. Responses are due in Mr. Green's office by November 14, 1977.

There will be a news media presentation of the two new LRV test vehicles at 1:30 p.m., October 26, 1977, at the Muni Metro Center. Mr. Wentz will be the PUC spokesman, and Mr. Arhtur E. Hitsman, General Manager, Surface Transportation Systems of Boeing Vertol, will be representing Boeing.

Municipal Railway Goals

Mr. Wentz stated that Muni staff is working on development of a statement of Muni goals to be used to measure future achievement.

Transit Police

There has been a 25 percent decrease in the number of criminal incidents aboard Muni vehicles since August 9, 1977, when the first police class began patrols. The first class began patrols August 9; the second, during early September; and a third class is in training.

UTDC

Mr. Wentz reported that staff of UTDC has visited all Muni facilities, has developed a list of external constraints, and will complete a list of internal constraints by October 29, 1977. Members of the Toronto transit staff will be here October 31, November 1, and November 2. Calgary transit staff will be in San Francisco November 2, 3 and 4.

MTC Resolution No. 459

Mr. Wentz stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission will have before it proposed Resolution 459 on November 11, 1977, which would establish guidelines regarding a percentage of revenue from the fare box. The resolution proposes a 35 percent figure with certain credits which could get it down to 25 percent. AC Transit and Santa Clara County have taken a position of opposition, and this Commission has been memorialized by the Muni Coalition to oppose Resolution 459, pending before the MTC.

Commissioner Claire C. Pilcher moved that the Commission take an official position of opposition to MTC Resolution 459, and Commissioner McCrea seconded the motion, which was unanimously adopted by the Commission.

Resolution before Streets and Transportation Committee

Mr. Wentz stated a hearing is scheduled October 27, 1977, before the Streets and Transportation committee of the Board of Supervisors to consider a resolution which would establish a policy of no fare increase in Muni. He said he would like Mr. Green to attend that hearing, with the permission of the Commission, to state that the Public Utilities Commission has taken no position on a future fare increase, but has directed staff to analyze the impact of AB-1107.

Responding to a question from President Henning, Mr. Wentz said Supervisor Quentin Kopp is aware that staff is analyzing the impact of AB-1107.

President Henning stated it is essential that misinterpretations of Commission conduct be corrected in any appearance before the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner McCrea stated that perhaps his remarks before the Finance Committee had been misinterpreted. He said he was using data available to everyone, and that AB-1107 would have to result in a fare increase unless Muni wished to forego the State sales tax money available.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn stated a misinterpretation could have arisen from remarks made on television.

Commissioner McCrea said there was also an article in the Examiner, and it is important to point out to the Board of Supervisors that the statement probably had its genesis at the hearing on AB-1107. If Resolution No. 459 is passed, it will not be the Commission or the Board of Supervisors, but someone outside of San Francisco who will be setting Muni fares.

Commissioner Flynn said there will continue to be problems as long as there is a spokesman for the five Commissioners in the absence of the other four. All Commissioners should agree upon who is going to be the spokesman for the Commission.

President Henning said the issue of a fare increase is a delicate one - an election issue. The position of the Commission should be in writing.

Mr. Green said last year at budget time he was asked to present to the Commission information concerning a fare increase. The Commission agreed, and the matter was sent to the Mayor's Office, where the decision was made to go no further at that time.

In summary, Mr. Wentz said four points should be made, as follows. (1) The PUC has the responsibility for recommending adequate funding for Muni. (2) The Commission should be free to consider all alternatives. (3) Any resolution speaking against a fare increase should make clear that other sources of funding will be supplied. (4) The Board of Supervisors should be advised that the Commission is studying AB-1107.

George L. Carey

Mr. Wentz reported that Mr. Carey, Chief Accountant, is still recuperating from an illness, but it is hoped he will be on the job in another week or two.

Port Commission

Mr. Wentz stated the Port Commission will not meet October 26, 1977, because of lack of a quorum. Therefore, the matter of the cable car extension will be heard November 9, 1977.

President Henning stated he had received a call from Mr. Richard A. Bobier, Attorney for the Port Commission, advising that full financing in dollars would be required. Mr. Wentz advised that Dr. Christensen is checking that possibility with UMTA. It is believed that Muni can maintain the restrooms, if they are built.

OSHA

Mr. Wentz said there are only eight remaining citations, most of them at the Woods facility. A detailed report on these remaining citations will be forwarded to the Commission.

Civil Grand Jury Report

The report of the 1976-77 Civil Grand Jury has been issued. It contains a substantial section on the Municipal Railway. Mr. Wentz stated he feels it is a good constructive report, not damaging to Muni.

LRV Board of Control

Regarding the LRV program, a recommendation was made that a Board of Control be created. The Commission should decide who will represent

the Commission, and the Mayor's Office and the Board of Supervisors should be asked to name their two members.

President Henning instructed the Commission Secretary to calendar the appointment of Board of Control members for the PUC meeting of November 8, 1977.

Tuolumne River Fish Releases

Mr. Wentz reported receipt of a letter from the U. S. Department of the Interior denying Hetch Hetchy's request for reduction of fish releases in the Tuolumne River.

Resolution 77-0472--Public Hearing - To approve grant application for Federal operating assistance as provided by the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act (NMTA) of 1974

Mr. Green stated the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974 amended the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 by adding Section 5 providing for transit aid. Section 5 funds are allocated to urban regions on a population basis, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission is designated as recipient of funds to the Bay Area. Muni has been allocated approximately \$7.5 million, and the budget anticipates the use of this money, which will lower the amount of money required from ad valorem taxes.

Mr. Wentz stated that the need for this money to operate Muni has been validated. The hearing is to determine whether or not there is any comment by anyone as to the validity of the application. The basic law was developed several years ago when it became apparent on a nationwide basis that transit systems must operate at a significant deficit. This is an effort to spread the load to other sources of revenue. All transit systems in the United States are taking advantage of this assistance.

President Henning asked if there were any comments from the public.

Mr. Maurice Klebolt, President, CAP-Trans, stated that San Francisco has a commitment to an electrified system. He said the \$7.5 million should be escalated to \$17.5 million as San Francisco is the only city fully committed to electrification.

Mr. Wentz stated that Muni's request is open ended for as much as can be obtained.

Resolution No. 77-0473--To approve revising transfer privileges on Muni Route 78-Golden Gate Park (deferred from meeting of October 11, 1977)

Commissioner Pilcher asked if there has been contact with the Recreation and Park Department and the museums. She also stated there are many people who drive their cars to the Park and can't take advantage of the transfer into the Park. She stated the system recommended is very complex to explain, and suggested that patrons transferring from another line or purchasing an all-day pass be allowed to ride all day in the Park free. All others would pay 10 cents per ride within the Park. This would take care of people who can't get to the Park on Muni or who drive their cars to the Park.

Mr. Green stated he has a letter from Mr. John J. Spring, General Manager, Recreation and Park Department, dated October 25, 1977. He also has made about 15 telephone calls to Mr. Spring. He said Mr. Spring states he is willing to accept whatever plan Muni adopts. The Recreation and Park and museum representatives have promised to help publicize the service.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Flynn, Mr. Green said Commissioner Pilcher's proposal will not cost Muni any extra money. There will be no additional revenue because patrons riding to the Park would be riding on other lines and paying fares. The same people going home at night would pay a fare and obtain a transfer to use going home.

Commissioner McCrea said he supports Commissioner Pilcher's plan, but would change the fare to five cents per ride in the Park.

Commissioner Pilcher suggested that patrons also could purchase for 25 cents an all day transfer valid only on Line 78.

Following further discussion among Commissioners and staff, Commissioner Pilcher moved that patrons transferring from another line be allowed to ride free in the Park all day on the 78 Line. Other patrons would pay five cents a ride in the Park on the 78 Line. Commissioner McCrea seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed by the Commission.

Resolution No. 77-0474--Authorizing negotiation with consultants leading to a professional services contract for preparation of an environmental impact report for the proposed Lake Lloyd Weather Modification Program

Responding to a question from Commissioner McCrea regarding the schedule of this endeavor, Mr. Moore advised that public hearings must be held; therefore, the chances of accomplishing it this winter are slim.

Resolution No. 77-0477--Approving discontinuance of night lighting at Crystal Springs Golf Course driving range

Mr. Eugene Kelleher, Assistant General Manager, San Francisco Water Department, stated that the Water Department recommends discontinuance of night lighting as of October 26, 1977, which is the end of the trial period. The lessee has had modifications made in the lighting system, and photographs have been taken which reveal a reduction of 50 percent in the visual impact of the lights on the hill. The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in a letter dated October 19, 1977, advised that the lights as they now exist are unacceptable. Representatives of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation have advised lessee they would not approve the lights until additional modifications are made.

Commissioner Joseph P. Byrne stated there are many conflicting reports, and he moved that the matter be put over to the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner McCrea said he could not accept the lights as long as they can be seen from the highway. He said that postponement of night lighting is giving tacit agreement if certain visual conditions are met. There is a more fundamental issue. The Commission should be a spokesman for energy conservation, and this lighting is not sound energy conservation.

President Henning stated that the City does provide electricity for ball parks and playgrounds at night. Commissioner Pilcher stated that ball parks and playgrounds are not in scenic wilderness areas.

Commissioner Flynn seconded the motion made by Commissioner Byrne to put the item over for two weeks.

Mr. Elias Leider, lessee, advised that the lights are not affecting the wildlife in the area.

Commissioner Flynn inquired if there is some work to be done by lessee while the lights are off.

Mr. Leider replied that Mr. Frank E. Sylvester, Regional Director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, suggested the use of louver systems.

Commissioner Pilcher inquired about the lessee's investment. She said if the operator does any work during the two weeks the lights are off he does so at his own risk.

Mr. Leider replied that a lighting engineer suggested by Mr. Sylvester would be coming to the golf course to investigate the possibility of using baffles.

Commissioner Flynn stated that he is ready to shut the lights down permanently no matter what modifications are made. He said he does not want Mr. Leider to spend any more money.

Commissioner Pilcher said she is also convinced the lights should be turned off.

Commissioner Flynn withdrew his second to the motion to put the matter over to the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Byrne withdrew his motion, explaining that he was taking this action rather than allowing lessee to spend money on a useless cause.

Mr. Leider explained that the baffles are being made, and the driving range was a condition of the lease. He said, however, that the baffles have not been purchased.

Mr. Robert C. Van Etten of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation said his agency does not control the watershed - it only approves or looks at those things the City refers to them.

Commissioner McCrea moved that the Commission go on record as disapproving the use of night lighting on the driving range of Crystal Springs Golf Course henceforth.

Commissioner Pilcher seconded the motion, and the motion was passed by the Commission, with Commissioner Byrne voting "no."

Item 25--Consideration of use of an arbitration clause in City contracts to facilitate settlement of disputes

Commissioner Byrne stated he has reviewed the opinion of the City Attorney's Office, and that possibly the Commission is bound by that decision on arbitration. He said he would like to have the item put over until at least the next Commission meeting in order to study non-binding arbitration and explore the matter more fully.

President Henning advised that in terms of Charter revisions these must be submitted to the Board of Supervisors within the next two months if they are to be placed on the June ballot.

Commissioner Pilcher seconded Commissioner Byrne's motion to put the item over, and this motion was passed by the Commission.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:20 p.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

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George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

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GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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SECRETARY

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Peter McCrea,
H. Welton Flynn, Claire C. Pilcher

Absent: Commissioner Joseph P. Byrne

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 24, 1977 were approved.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0489 H Approving DPW street lighting construction proposal

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0490 H Approving modification No. 1 providing funds for
additional consulting services under professional
services agreement with Dr. Richard L. Ridenhour,
Consulting Fishery Biologist - debit amount of \$3,000

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0491 W Approving award of WD Contract No. 1737 to McGuire
and Hester of Oakland, for main installation -
\$203,475

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0492 W Approving completion of WD Contract No. 1715

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0493 W Approving collection of October claims for damages
against miscellaneous debtors - \$556.07

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the
following resolution was adopted:

77-0494 W Approving policy to permit bee keeping on watershed
properties

Vote; Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the
following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0495 W Approving exchange agreement between City and County of San Francisco and Jack L. Bohan involving portion of WD land in Santa Clara County
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher
- On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0496 M Approving rejection of sole bid received for MR Contract 641 and authorizing re-advertising of project upon selection of alternate site
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher
- On motion of Flynn, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0497 M Approving modification No. 1 providing motor substitution under MR Contract No. 614 - \$6,343.60
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0498 M Approving acceptance of MBT Associates Muni Metro Accessibility Study and its forwarding to Board of Control; and directing MR cooperation in development of suitable lift for Muni LRV
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher
- On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0488 M Approving drawing of warrants in settlement of claims - \$26,402.18
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher
- On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0499 M Approving supplemental appropriation providing funds to renovate Muni facilities at 1345 Turk Street - \$30,000
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher
- On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0500 G Approving execution of contract with UMTA
- Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher
- On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:
- 77-0501 G Approving transfer of funds under \$10,000 and allotment requests submitted by PUC departments during first quarter 1977-78 - \$9,871,132.25

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0502 G Approving establishment of Advisory Board of Control to be consulted on major policy issues for Muni Metro LRV Program, and designating PUC members and alternates

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0503 M Setting December 13, 1977 as public hearing date on LRV grant application

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Secretary, Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Mr. John B. Wentz

Fish Releases in Tuolumne River

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors on November 7, 1977, President Quentin L. Kopp urged unanimous approval of a resolution calling upon Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus to reconsider San Francisco's request for a reduction of fish releases in the Tuolumne River. One Supervisor declined, and the measure could not be adopted that day. The matter has been referred to the Governmental Services Committee, and it is hoped they will hold a special meeting. When the resolution is adopted copies will be forwarded to the President and all members of Congress from California.

Water Use Report

Water usage for the month of October 1977, reflected a 33 percent system-wide reduction in consumption--34 percent in the City, and 32 percent in the suburbs.

Inspection of Dams

Mr. Wentz said that following the dam break in Georgia, President Henning suggested that Mr. Oral L. Moore, General Manager, Hetch Hetchy System, and Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, General Manager, San Francisco Water Department, report on the status of our dams.

Mr. Moore reported that the California Division for the Safety of Dams has the reputation of being the best in the country. All dams are inspected annually and records are kept of leakage, settlement, and deflection at all dams. This data is regularly submitted to the State. Constant State and Hetch Hetchy inspections indicate that Hetch Hetchy dams are as safe as possible.

Mr. Boyd stated that reservoirs in San Francisco are also under the jurisdiction of the State Division of Safety of Dams. Leakage is monitored each month by the Water Department, and superficial repairs are made when necessary. Of the major dams, Pilarcitos Dam has been reconstructed during the past five years, as has Calaveras Dam. San Antonio Dam is not yet 20 years old, and was built to modern standards. The study of Crystal Springs Dam by W. A. Wahler & Associates, consulting

engineers, is nearing completion, and will soon be submitted to the State for review. Preliminary reports give every indication that Crystal Springs Dam will pass inspection by the State Division of Safety of Dams with flying colors.

OSHA

A report has been forwarded to Supervisor Quentin L. Kopp, and an inspection has been made at the Muni Metro Center.

President Henning stated that since nearly all citations have been abated, it is unnecessary to have bi-weekly reports. Mr. Wentz said that if material changes occur, the Commission will be notified.

SFMRIC

Mr. Wentz reported attending a meeting of the SFMRIC on November 3, 1977, during which an audit was approved, and commitment was made of funds for the local share of the Muni Metro Task Force. He said the Corporation is very active in underwriting the local share of expenses.

UTDC

On November 2, 1977, staff met with Toronto and Calgary transit representatives, and sat in on their meeting on Muni maintenance problems. Mr. Wentz said there has been great success in convincing middle management to obtain the best use of the UTDC contract.

Robert Frost Plaza

Mr. Wentz reported that the California cable car line will be shut down for 20 days in January to allow for construction of Robert Frost Plaza at the Market Street end of the line. This Plaza will provide a very attractive new terminal.

President Henning inquired if the Convention and Visitors Bureau has been advised. Mr. Wentz replied that all patrons and media, as well as the Convention and Visitors Bureau, will be informed.

Commissioner Peter McCrea asked if the timing is dictated by Muni completing its work, or by the work being done on Market St. Mr. Green stated the January is the best time for Muni, and that the Market Street Beautification Project controls the number of days the line will be down. During the time period involved motor coaches will be utilized to provide service to the area.

Port Commission

Mr. Wentz stated the Port Commission will hold its next meeting November 17, 1977, at which time the matter of the cable car extension will be heard.

Title II Emergency Maintenance Program

At Mr. Wentz's request, Mr. Curtis E. Green, General Manager, Municipal Railway, introduced Mr. Edwin I. Dreiling, who took over the emergency maintenance program during the period when about 140 coaches were out of service. Mr. Green stated that Mr. Dreiling did an excellent job in organizing the work and getting it done expeditiously.

President Henning congratulated Mr. Dreiling on behalf of the Commission.

Resolution 77-0490--Approving modification No. 1 in the debit amount of \$3,000 to provide funds for additional consulting services not included in the original agreement, under Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Richard L. Ridenhour, Consulting Fishery Biologist

Mr. Wentz stated this agreement involves work on a long range effort. A report has been released by the Department of the Interior which recommends doubling fish release water. San Francisco has requested a hearing, and Dr. Ridenhour's work will assist in supporting San Francisco's position at the hearing. The Secretary of the Interior must produce an EIR before long. The public hearing is approximately two years in the future.

Item No. 12--Authorizing the General Manager of Public Utilities to require comprehensive general liability insurance of less than \$1,000,000, but not less than \$300,000 combined single limit coverage on land use permits and leases to individuals and small businesses; to exempt from insurance requirements street and utility crossing permits issued to adjoining property owners; and to delegate the within authority to the Secretary, Public Utilities Commission, and to Department Heads.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn said he would like to speak against the proposed resolution, stating that \$1 million worth of coverage is not unreasonable. He said that contracts from the Controller's Office require \$1 million worth of coverage, and that the additional cost is not excessive.

Commissioner Claire C. Pilcher noted that if bee keepers on the watershed are required to have \$1 million coverage it would totally eliminate them from being on watershed property.

Mr. Boyd stated that proposed coverage in any amount less than \$1 million would be brought to the General Manager of Public Utilities for confirmation. He said the Land Division has reported difficulty in leasing some right-of-way lands. Some small business people are unable to obtain \$1 million coverage, and in three cases the Water Department has lost modest revenues. Also, five permits for parking and horse grazing will have to be cancelled. He said the intent is not to require less coverage on any land use of importance, or where risk appears to warrant \$1 million coverage.

Commissioner Flynn stated that a "hold harmless clause" mentioned in the document is meaningless. He stated his unwillingness to go below \$1 million coverage in any case.

Responding to a question from Commissioner McCrea, Mr. Boyd said that if circumstances make it impossible for a person to lease some land because of the required \$1 million coverage, the matter could be referred back to the Commission.

Mr. Boyd stated that under present policy the Commission doesn't review permits for under \$250 per month, as these are handled by the Water Department. Therefore, the Commission doesn't realize the Department is losing some business.

Following discussion among Commissioners and staff, Mr. Boyd agreed to check the difference in cost between the two levels of coverage, and also to bring back to the Commission a list of problem cases and leases lost because of the higher insurance requirement.

Commissioner McCrea moved, and Commissioner Pilcher seconded that this item be put over to the next Commission meeting, and the motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Commission.

President Henning instructed staff to communicate nominations to all parties involved.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:30 p.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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George R. Moscone, Mayor

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Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Peter McCrea,
H. Welton Flynn, Claire C. Pilcher

Absent: Commissioner Joseph P. Byrne

RESOLUTION

NO.

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0505 M Approving amendment to existing grant application with UMTA to accept additional grant funds to establish LRV Task Force

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Pilcher

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Mr. John B. Wentz

Title II Program Recommendation of Mayor

Mr. Wentz reported that the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors will consider the Title II application for funds at its meeting of November 16, 1977. Public Utilities has \$1,200,000 in that program.

SFMRIC

At President Henning's request a special meeting has been scheduled for November 28, 1977, at 5:00 p.m. to review with the Commission the status of the San Francisco Municipal Railway Improvement Corporation (SFMRIC). Dr. John M. Christensen, Jr., Assistant General Manager, Finance; Mr. John Dooling, legal counsel for SFMRIC; Mr. William M. Reedy, Corporation President; and a representative of the Corporation Bond Counsel will conduct the review and answer questions regarding this funding method for capital improvements.

LRV Task Force Program Director

Mr. Wentz stated that eight responses were received to the 14 requests for proposals mailed. Three submitted proposals, and five responses will be followed up by telephone on November 16, 1977. Following that, interviews will be scheduled. Mr. Curtis E. Green, General Manager, Municipal Railway; Dr. John M. Christensen, Jr.; Mr. Rudy Nothenberg of the Mayor's Office and Mr. Wentz will comprise the interview team.

Embarcadero Task Force

The second meeting of the Embarcadero Task Force will be held November 21, 1977. Messrs. Tom Matoff, Peter Straus and Rino Bei are Muni representatives. There are thirteen members in all representing the Planning Department, Department of Public Works, Muni, Wastewater Management, Redevelopment Agency, Port Commission, Golden Gate National Recreation Area and the Mayor's Office.

UTDC

The supplemental appropriation in connection with approval by UTDC of the reorganization of Muni and 55 maintenance positions must be reprocessed to be consistent with the UTDC report. Mr. Wentz stated this item will be calendared for the Commission meeting of November 22, 1977.

Revenue Equipment Condition Report

Mr. Wentz distributed copies of this report to the Commission.

Commissioner Peter McCrea asked why missed runs are increasing. He stated he would like to have calendared for the next Commission meeting on November 22, 1977, a report on the current status of missed runs and equipment condition.

Resolution 77-0505--PUBLIC HEARING--Approving amendment to existing grant application with Urban Mass Transportation Administration to accept additional grant funds to establish a LRV Task Force to plan, direct and control the acceptance, testing, operations, training, maintenance, facility layout and phasing in of light rail vehicle service.

Mr. Wentz explained that the grant application is for 80 percent funding to be provided by UMTA for a Task Force to control and direct implementation of light rail vehicle service. It covers four in-house members, clerical assistance and a program director. Some travel expenses will also be covered, as some staff members must spend time in Boston for close liaison with Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). He said there is reason to believe that UMTA views the project affirmatively. The local share of funding would be provided by SFMRIC. There is \$13 million in unobligated funds in the SFMRIC, and the Corporation has the right to sell additional bonds. To date \$57 million worth of bonds have been sold.

The Task Force would be responsible for all phases of putting the system into effect. Mr. Wentz stated this is a public hearing to ascertain if there are any questions or comments from the public before the Commission acts.

Mr. John Elberling of CAP-Trans protested the proposed amendment to the grant application as not doing enough. He said he is concerned that San Francisco may have to accept a marginally operative vehicle and a subway which will cost enormous amounts of money to operate. He said if the LRV turns out to so poorly made that it can't be accepted, it could be fied up to operate if a lot of money is spent, and the subway could work if long delays and poor service were accepted. The LRV itself and the design of the subway had their inception in the early 1970s and were designed for a complex operation. They were not designed to take existing standards and put them into use in San Francisco. A system has been designed requiring a complex signaling system and high speed operation. There was an option of going to Europe for LRVs. The Federal government probably was a deciding factor in deciding to have an American built system.

Mr. Ellerling said that the SFMRIC was conceived in 1969 as a lease back arrangement, which is obsolete, and unnecessary. He said payments can be made from the local share, and the Federal government can make up the difference. He said the basic question is - since the bonds have been sold and since rent is not being paid to the City by the Corporation, when will the money run out? Also, progress payments have been made to Boeing Vertol of \$2-1/2 million, and the City is liable for \$20,000. Even if the City does not accept twelve LRVs, for how much is SFMRIC liable?

In summary, Mr. Elberling said San Francisco is threatened with a vehicle that may be salvaged, but will require a great deal of maintenance. If service does not live up to schedules, the realigning of Muni routes could be threatened. Also, a study of redesigning of the signal system should be undertaken. This will require taking out equipment already in the subway and already in the LRVs. If the coupling system does not work well, if scheduling reliability is a major problem, or if there is a safety hazard, the signalling system would have to be abandoned anyway.

Secondly, Mr. Elberling stated that the Federal government should be pinned down as to whether or not San Francisco may ever go to Europe to

to buy a streetcar. If they say no, San Francisco should be justified in demanding that the government meet extra costs incurred.

Thirdly, he stated the bond problem should be investigated.

He also said there should be full disclosure from the Task Force and the Committee that will make final decisions.

Commissioner McCrea said he didn't think it appropriate for the Task Force and project manager to be charged with the responsibility of recommending that UMTA fund purchases from foreign sources.

Commissioner Claire C. Pilcher stated if there is an impression that the Commission isn't aware of the option of rejecting the car, perhaps the Commission hasn't had an opportunity to speak about it. She said it is a very strong option unless there are some miracles between now and when the decision is made. She said Mr. Elberling should go to the Board of Supervisors and demand that each of them look at the car. Until then they are in no position to judge the car or the system. She said she would rather have nothing running in the subway than to accept an unacceptable car in order to avoid negative newspaper accounts.

Commissioner McCrea said the manner in which the Commission has approached the problem - using a Task Force and bringing someone in from outside - is indicative of its concern. He said Mr. Elberling said nothing the Commission doesn't share.

Mr. Wentz said that in addition to the Task Force, San Francisco is fielding a joint application with MBTA to UMTA for a product improvement program. A public hearing on this matter is scheduled for December 13. This will be a \$13 million joint program that will involve additional development and improvement to the vehicles. About \$9 million will be a Boston commitment.

Commissioner Pilcher stated that no matter how much the Federal government spends, if it is not a good product, it will not be enough.

Mr. Wentz said the answer to concern about procuring foreign cars has been given. UMTA has agreed to partially fund cars in Cleveland from a foreign manufacturer.

Mr. Maurice Klebolt, President, CAP-Trans, said his organization submitted a document several weeks ago suggesting that the scope of work was not complete, and giving the Commission twelve or thirteen alternatives to be included. He said the scope of work is to implement a vehicle and to make the system as planned function. Also, the comfort of the vehicle and citizen involvement are not in the scope of the work program. He said the vehicle is basically a good one, but it is necessary to have citizen involvement, and he would like to see something addressed to the public for public acceptance.

Commissioner Pilcher stated that two opposite points of view had been presented by CAP-Trans.

Mr. Klebolt stated CAP-Trans has never taken a position of rejecting vehicles, but took a position of initiating an additional scope of work.

Commissioner Pilcher inquired as to which position was coming from where.

Mr. Elberling said he spoke for himself, although CAP-Trans shares his opinion of keeping all options open.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn said the purpose of today's meeting was for the public to have its say, and that the public is not being excluded.

Commissioner McCrea said that public acceptance of the vehicle and its appointments in Boston and in San Francisco has been excellent. He asked Mr. Klebolt how he would suggest obtaining a test of public acceptance.

Mr. Klebolt said the Boeing Vertol Co. prior to acceptance in Boston made equipment available for public use. He said at some point the public should be allowed to ride the cars and be given a questionnaire.

President Henning noted that there were present about ten members of the public other than staff.

Commissioner McCrea stated it was accepted by the entire Commission that one of the responsibilities of the Task Force would be to make a review of the system to insure that the cars performed as well as possible.

Mr. Wentz said that the list of items is not meant to be limiting.

President Henning suggested that additional language directed to that point be included.

Commissioner McCrea stated he felt everyone was agreed that there should be a complete review of the car and system design in order to decide if it is the proper design to go forward.

President Henning said some consideration should be taken of options in terms of expectation of procuring additional or substitute vehicles.

Commissioner Pilcher said the Commission should state that it is not in any way foreclosing the option of rejecting the vehicle and selecting another.

Mr. Wentz explained that as a part of the product improvement program there is a \$1/2 million systems analysis to be made by an independent consulting engineering firm which will consider the entire system of operation of the vehicles. Hopefully, this will be accomplished with UMTA funding as a part of the total \$13,220,044 product improvement program.

Commissioner McCrea said the entire question of the Commission's legal rights and options with respect to buying other cars should be addressed as well as what the separate bonding problems would be should other cars be purchased.

Mr. Wentz said this is not to be handled by the Task Force.

President Henning said the Commission would have to address itself to the bonding program, perhaps at the next calendar meeting.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:30 p.m.

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George R. Moscone, Mayor

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GENERAL MANAGER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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SECRETARY

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Peter McCrea,
H. Welton Flynn, Joseph P. Byrne, Claire C. Pilcher

The minutes of the meeting of November 8, 1977 were approved. The minutes of October 25, 1977 were approved as amended to reflect that Resolution 77-0478 approved bid call for Purchaser's Contract Proposal No. 617, not Municipal Railway Contract No. 617.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0506 H Approving bid call for HH Contract No. 550

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0507 H Approving award of HH Contract No. 570 to George Reed, Inc., of Sonora, CA to surface roads in Moccasin Village - \$24,815

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0508 W Approving supplemental appropriation providing funds reflecting reclassification of one Class 7338 - \$9,285

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0509 W Approving bid call for WD Contract No. 1731

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0510 W Approving award of WD Contract No. 1734 to Pribuss Engineering, Inc. of S.F. for air conditioning system modification - \$25,309

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0511 W Approving write-off uncollectible accounts - \$6,051.34

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0512 W Approving completion of WD Contract No. 1724

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0513 W Approving rejection of all bid proposals for gravel quarry lease

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Flynn, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0514 M Approving revised supplemental appropriation reflecting UTDC recommendations for reorganization and reclassification of positions and justification of need for 55 additional maintenance workers - \$11,035

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0515 M Approving amendment of space use agreement with Locomotive Historical Society

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0516 M Approving travel expense voucher for C. E. Green - \$611.98

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0517 M Approving write-off uncollectible accounts - \$531.16; and compromise and collection of claims against miscellaneous debtors - \$5,538.30

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0518 M Approving payment of claims from revolving fund - \$40,892.04

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0504 M Approving settlement of claims against Muni - \$3,500

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Secretary, Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Mr. John B. Wentz

Results of Recent Rainstorm

There was a 200 million gallon inflow into Water Department reservoirs in the East Bay and on the Peninsula - equivalent to a one-day supply.

Precipitation measured 6-1/4 inches at Cherry Valley and 3-8/10 inches at O'Shaughnessy Dam. Hetch Hetchy reservoirs captured 100 million gallons' inflow. Most of the precipitation is in the form of snow. Some Hetch Hetchy portions of the Sierra measured six feet of snow - not enough to solve the drought problem.

Municipal Railway Experience during Recent Rainstorm

Muni functioned well during the recent rainstorm. Schedules were maintained, and there were no accidents.

Woods Division Dedication

Mr. James H. Leonard, Director, Bureau of Public Service, is arranging for dedication of the John M. Woods Motor Coach Center at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 15, 1977. Dignitaries invited will include Mayor Moscone, members of the PUC, the Board of Supervisors, and SFMRIC. Representatives of UMTA, Caltrans, and outside transit agencies will be invited, plus the news media and the public. A "working" tour of the facilities will follow the dedication ceremony.

Cable Car Extension

This matter has been postponed to December 14, 1977 to allow Port Commission staff time to prepare an analysis and report. Mr. Wentz met with Acting Port Director Edward L. David and staff on November 12, 1977, and feels confident the report will be supportive of the PUC position.

Christmas Trolley

Muni will participate with the Fire Department in an effort to collect toys for needy children. Toys, new or workable, will be collected November 26 and 27, 1977. Car No. 1 will be used.

LRV Task Force Program Director

Interviews with three consultants for the LRV Task Force Program Director will be held November 29, 1977. The interview team will consist of Mr. Wentz, Dr. John M. Christensen, Jr., Mr. Curtis Green, Mr. Rino Bei, Mr. George Newkirk and Mr. Rudy Nothenberg.

Shoppers' Ferry Shuttle

A request has been received from the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District for permission to operate a Shoppers' Ferry Shuttle bus in the downtown area during the 1977 Christmas season. The District would run special ferries, and want their buses to meet these ferries and proceed to the Union Square area. Mr. Wentz stated he has prepared a letter stating that on a permanent basis the Commission would be opposed. However, on a one-time basis during the 1977 Christmas season there would be no objection, with the provisos that one bus only be operated and timed to meet each presently scheduled arrival and departure of the Larkspur Ferry, and that the shuttle bus not be permitted to carry intra-San Francisco passengers.

Mr. Wentz pointed out that this matter is governed by the Police Code, which is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. In the letter he suggests that the District contact Mr. William Marconi of the Department of Public Works for discussion by the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation.

Commissioner Flynn said he would be opposed to the principle of allowing another transit system to initiate service where we are providing service. We could use the fares.

Commissioner McCrea pointed out that the proposal is to operate the buses at no additional fare, the intent being to keep autos out of downtown San Francisco. Until Muni can obtain some type of discounted transfer it is not providing comparable service. MTC has been petitioned to provide money for a transfer system with Golden Gate Transit Co.

Commissioner Flynn said no mention had been made of free service, that that changed his views. On that basis he said he would be willing to go along.

Commissioner Pilcher stated that this morning she watched the traffic congestion at Sutter and Stockton Streets. The 30-Stockton bus was blocked by cars trying to gain access to the garage.

Commissioner McCrea said an effort should be made to get the Police Dept. to enforce transit only lanes in that block. Commissioner Pilcher said she receives many complaints from people waiting a long time for the 30-Stockton bus, and then having six 30-Express buses coming at one time.

Mr. Rod J. Bartholomew, Deputy General Manager, Operations & Administration, stated he has spoken with Capt. Seghi concerning traffic congestion on Stockton Street, and patrols have been "beefed up" to insure a smoother flow of Muni equipment.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

In-House Handicapped Programs

President Henning stated that six months ago a report was prepared on some in-house handicapped programs which might be undertaken. He said this report which reflects no policy recommendations, might be appropriate to circulate among handicapped groups for their comments to be reported back to the Commission in a month or six weeks.

President Henning instructed the Secretary to forward the report to handicapped groups, and to request responses within 60 days. He asked that a copy also be sent to the Board of Control.

Friends of Noe Valley

Commissioner Pilcher noted that a neighborhood group, Friends of Noe Valley, are working with Mr. James H. Leonard to design transit schedule racks at various locations. She said she is pleased that the public is giving of its time, and that the Department is receptive. She said Robert Caldwell and Burgess Webb of Friends of Noe Valley are in charge of the project.

Resolution 77-0510--Awarding WD Contract No. 1734 - air conditioning system modification at 425 Mason Street, San Francisco - to Pribuss Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$25,309.

Responding to a question from President Henning, Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd stated water saved would be about 16,000 gallons per day, or enough for at least ten families of four people.

Resolution 77-0511--Approving write-off of WD uncollectible accounts receivable more than 90 days past due, month of August, 1977 in the amount of \$6,051.34.

Commissioner Pilcher asked why the Water Department cannot require a deposit, and Mr. Boyd explained that a legal question exists as to whether or not interest payments would be required. Secondly, the cost of managing a deposit system could be more than the write-off. He said the matter has been reviewed in the past, and it is believed that the write-off system is economically superior. He said the Department has fewer write-offs than Pacific Telephone Co. or PG&E.

Resolution 77-0513--Authorizing rejection of all bid proposals for gravel quarry lease on Water Department land.

Mr. Wentz stated that this matter was before the Commission several months ago. At that time it was felt the Department might negotiate a lease with an adjoining developer who was offering some land for a water holding area. At this time Mr. Boyd feels the Department should request bids again which do not involve land payments.

Mr. Boyd said that an engineering study found that the land to be acquired had been stripped of materials used to make the basin water tight. The cost to develop the land for water storage would be \$667 an acre foot, against \$227 an acre foot if San Antonio Dam were raised. Also, the Department does not wish to close options for 20 years. On full investigation it was felt that on a straight business-like basis more revenue could be obtained.

Commissioner Byrne asked if bids were non-responsive. Mr. Boyd replied that the bid from Dumbarton Quarry Associates was non-responsive as there was no positive assurance the City would receive \$500,000. The company could go out of business part way "down the line," as opposed to placing \$500,000 in the bank or in escrow. Regarding the offer of land in kind, it would be too costly to develop it.

Mr. Arthur Varni, attorney for Dumbarton Quarry Associates, said his client would pay 20 cents a ton for material as it is removed, and in addition would pay \$500,000. They had agreed to put \$50,000 into an account with the Water Department, which at the end of 20 years would yield \$500,000.

President Henning stated this does not guarantee that the quarry operation will remain solvent, or that all of the gravel will be removed at the end of 20 years.

Mr. Varni said that after the bid was submitted staff expressed concern, and was reluctant to take a bond.

Mr. Boyd explained that ordinarily a bond can only be obtained for a year at a time.

Mr. Varni said after the bond was found to be unacceptable, the idea of depositing \$129,000 was put forth. His client has no objection to the \$129,000 arrangement. It is a question of when the \$129,000 must be put up, or if \$50,000 is to be put up immediately as an indication of good faith. Mr. Varni said his client is asking for direction from the Commission.

Commissioner McCrea stated that one of the problems is that staff has changed its position on the type of lease. At the time this offer was put forth the Department already had in hand a substantial offer of land which staff said was valuable. Now, Mr. Boyd says the land is not as valuable as it was thought to be.

President Henning inquired if there is any precedent for this type of lease, and Mr. Boyd replied there are no other leases of record that are comparable. Mr. Boyd said the Department proposes to go out to bid next time and make it by the yard or by the ton, with the proviso that "fines" must be left.

Commissioner McCrea apologized to Mr. Varni for the change of ground rules, and Mr. Boyd also apologized, stating that Dumbarton Quarry Associates would have an equal opportunity to bid again.

Commissioner Byrne moved, and Commissioner Flynn seconded that all bids be rejected and the matter be put out for re-bid on one basis - a man is either the high bidder or not - on the basis of cubic yards or by the ton, and that "fines" remain.

Item 16--Approving contract documents and authorizing bid call for MR Contract No. 656 for the purchase of Light Rail Vehicle jacking/lifting inserts. Estimated purchase cost--\$13,800.

President Henning asked if these inserts were anticipated in the original design.

Commissioner Pilcher questioned obtaining these items and possibly others in view of the fact that a decision has not yet been made to accept the Boeing Vertol Car.

Mr. George M. Duarte, Deputy General Manager, Municipal Railway, stated the jacking/lifting inserts will be needed, and it will take close to six months to obtain them. Responding to a question from President Henning, he said there are tools and electronic testing equipment costing thousands of dollars, but under a total of \$1,000,000, which will be needed within the next six months.

Commissioner McCrea moved that this item be put over for two weeks, and that staff come back with the Boeing schedule and a list of things necessary to be ordered on a support basis.

Commissioner Pilcher asked if tools and equipment to be ordered could be purchased on a contingency basis - if the car is found to be acceptable City pays, otherwise it is Boeing's burden.

Mr. Duarte said he would approach the two problems separately.

Commissioner Flynn seconded the motion made by Commissioner McCrea, and the Commission voted to put the matter over for two weeks.

Item 23--Report on current status of missed runs and equipment condition.

Mr. Duarte, Acting General Manager, Municipal Railway, reported that there has been a major decline during the past three weeks in the number of missed runs due to no equipment. On the mornings of November 18 and November 21 there were no missed runs for diesel equipment. The principal problem is with streetcars, 11 of which are down for major body work now. Contracts are being sought, and some accident-damaged coaches will be contracted out to private industry for repairs. Also, personnel to perform metal work, carpentry, and body and fender work are being sought. Mr. Duarte stated that Frank Baggetta, Transit Equipment Supervisor, has been doing a very good job.

Commissioner Pilcher stated that if a significant percentage of accidents are Muni's fault, drivers could be advised to be more cautious. Mr. Duarte replied that Mr. Green is working hard on an accident prevention program, and accidents have been dropping off. He said he would obtain a list of percentage of accidents due to driver fault for the Commission. He added that the problem with the PCC car is age.

Commissioner Pilcher stated there seems to be a lot of bunching, and problems such as five missed runs in a row because of no operator at peak times.

Commissioner McCrea inquired as to how Muni compensates for equipment not getting on the street, and noted that missed runs were down, and then went up to 40.

Mr. Duarte stated that during relocation of shops from 24th Street to Woods Yard it was necessary to dismantle the motor room. Some work was sent to a contractor to maintain OSHA standards, as this problem was anticipated. However, brake drums became in short supply nationwide. Muni was able to borrow some drums from other transit organizations.

Commissioner McCrea said that consistency of service is very important, and he hopes the number of missed runs will remain down.

Mr. Cornell Gatewood of TWU Local 250-A, spoke on behalf of the drivers. He said the streetcars are in bad mechanical condition, which contributes to accidents. Accident rates can be cut down quite a bit, if the streetcars are operating properly.

Commissioner McCrea asked about the system for allocating missed runs when there is no equipment, and about the on-going system of notifying management of missed runs.

Mr. Bartholomew explained the run priority system under which runs can be withheld from low demand lines and devoted to lines of greater need.

Commissioners Pilcher and McCrea described examples of bunching on certain lines, and Mr. Bartholomew said these situations were due to lack of attention - that these matters are being closely monitored now. He said a missed run report is received about 9:00 a.m. daily.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Flynn, Mr. Bartholomew said all superintendents have been instructed to ride the system, to make operating reports and recommendations, and to ascertain equipment availability for the afternoon. Dispatchers never allow a triple headway.

Commissioner McCrea said the Commission is deeply concerned about providing consistent transportation to the public, and there must be a measurement of performance by which Muni management can be judged.

Commissioner Pilcher asked what is done when 20 streetcars are sitting on the street with the power shut down. Mr. Duarte said normally bus service would be substituted, which would take about 15 or 20 minutes to initiate.

Item 24--Consideration of use of an arbitration clause in City contracts to facilitate settlement of disputes.

President Henning suggested that the Secretary to the Commission forward questionnaires to contractors and the Associated General Contractors Association regarding the use of an arbitration clause, with responses to be received within 60 days.

Commissioner Joseph P. Byrne quoted the City Attorney's Office as stating that the Commission would have to make the final decision. He said he would like to look into non-binding arbitration to be either disapproved or approved by the Commission.

President Henning said this could be considered when the questionnaires are returned, and instructed that the item be put over.

Item 25--Presentation of a brief verbal report on the status of various Water Department leases.

Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, General Manager, San Francisco Water Department, reported that during the past fiscal year 51 agricultural leases earned the Department about \$50,000, 34 non-agricultural leases earned about \$450,000, and 261 land use permits earned \$337,000. The grazing leases are in a moratorium situation due to lack of rain, and are not producing revenue at present.

The Sunol Valley Golf & Recreation Co. lease is in all respects but one in good condition. There is a difference of opinion over additional costs for maintenance of the sewage treatment plant. The State Regional Water Control Board has strict requirements. An appeal has been made to the Board, which may relent. If not, lessee will have to make up costs in arrear.

Crystal Springs Golf Course lease is in good order, and all covenants are being maintained.

Department is having some difficulty in renegotiating a lease with California Boo Company. The rental has been increased to \$1,250 per month, and the Department hopes within 60 days to have a new lease.

Regarding the lease with Welch and Smith, there is difficulty in collection from time to time, but in the past year the Department has received all money owed.

Loretta Winery is having difficulty in paying, the reason being that the wine grapes were not sold at the time the semi-annual payment was due. Staff is considering renegotiating the payment due dates.

The walnut orchard lease at Sunol is causing some concern. Several years ago the walnut orchard was leased to C. O. Bankhead & Son, with 52 percent of gross revenue to the Water Department. In 1970-71 the lease was terminated with Bankhead, and was negotiated with Louis Mangini, President, Mt. Diablo Orchards. Lessee was to pay Water Department 10 percent of revenue for four years, and then 20 percent.

Walnuts are sold through Diamond Walnut Growers Ass'n., and Department receives payments from the Association. Last winter the Department engaged the services of an expert in walnut orchards, who has reported some deficiencies in operation. Full answers have been requested from lessee as to what improvements he intends to make. The answers were due in late October, but an extension of time was allowed because walnuts were being harvested at that time. A full report will be given to the Commission, and if an agreement cannot be reached, Department will request that the lease be terminated.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:05 p.m.

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Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Peter McCrea,
Claire C. Pilcher
Commissioner H. Welton Flynn arrived at 5:10 p.m.

Absent: Commissioner Joseph P. Byrne

Item 8--Review of the background and current status of the San Francisco Municipal Railway Improvement Corporation.

Mr. William Reedy, President, reviewed the history of the San Francisco Municipal Railway Improvement Corporation as follows:

No member of the Commission today was a member at the outset of SFMRIC. Mr. James H. Leonard, Director of Public Service, is the only present staff member who was with the Commission at that time. Of the directors, only Mr. James J. Ludwig is still with the Corporation. The Corporation has a bond counsel. A representative of the City Attorney's Office, the Corporation attorney, and a representative of the Commission are present at each meeting. At the time the Corporation was formed, Muni was in "drastic straits." The City had an improvement program, but no financial resources for Muni. Formation of the SFMRIC was the means to accomplish modernization of the Muni. Mr. Reedy introduced Mr. John J. Desmond, CPA; Dr. John M. Christensen, Jr., coordinator for the corporation; Mr. C. Richard Walker, bond counsel; and Mr. Jack K. Dooling, attorney for the corporation.

Mr. Dooling presented a background of the Corporation, stating that the formation of the SFMRIC came about after the failure of general obligation bond issues. Although the bond proposals had more than 50 percent of the votes, a two-thirds vote could not be obtained. Thereafter, because of the state of the equipment, it was the concensus of the Commission, the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor that something should be done to develop the Municipal Railway. Mr. James K. Carr, then General Manager of the Public Utilities, was instructed to make preparations for formation of a non-profit corporation.

Mr. Dooling said the Corporation was incorporated July 2, 1968, as a non-profit corporation. Its letter of intent explains that it was organized by the citizens of San Francisco, acting through the Public Utilities Commission, to assist in acquiring and leasing personal and real properties for the City. The Corporation was also approved by resolutions of the Public Utilities Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

The articles of incorporation are similar to all California corporations; and the by-laws are the same, with one important exception. The property, assets and net revenues are irrevocably dedicated to the City and to charitable purposes. Upon payment of all debts the Corporation shall be dissolved. All assets remaining shall be distributed to the City.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held July 2, 1968. Thereafter, in accordance with the by-laws, as a director resigned he was replaced by another director. When Mr. H. Welton Flynn became a member of the Commission, his place was taken by his partner, Mr. Joseph C. Ozan.

The Board of Directors adopted by-laws, and thereafter, interviews were held for professional service contracts. The Board called for an underwriter, bond counsel, general counsel and an auditor. The Corporation retained the services of Salomon Bros., who could bid on bond issues under a negotiated bid basis at that time. Later, however, State law was changed, and Salomon Bros. had to choose to either be consultants or underwriters. The firm chose to become financial consultants.

Salomon Bros. works to assure the best rating possible, and the lowest net cost on bonds. The services of Hood & Strong were retained as auditors for SFMRIC. At this time the Corporation also retained the services of Mr. Dooling, legal counsel, and Mr. John Desmond, CPA. At the present time Mr. Dooling's contract is a continuing one. He started at \$40 per hour and presently is paid \$70 per hour.

The Corporation then retained the services of Orrick, Herrington, Rowley & Sutcliffe, bond counsel, represented by Mr. Walker. The services of Messrs. Dooling and Walker include preparation of various documents relative to the issuance of sale of bonds; agreements with the City; applications to the Internal Revenue service; various resolutions of the Board of Directors, Public Utilities Commission, Board of Supervisors; sale of bonds, etc.

After the Corporation was established, sales and bond issues were held in two categories - equipment bonds and construction bonds.

Equipment bonds, series A, with an interest rate of 5 percent and 5.1 percent, were sold in 1969, amount \$9 million, for 200 motor coaches. Equipment bonds, series B, with an interest rate of 6.1 percent and 6.4 percent, were sold in 1969, amount \$8 million, for 200 motor coaches, 200 radios, and a base station. These two series, A and B, total \$17 million, were funded entirely by the Corporation, as there were no Federal grants at that time.

In June, 1973, sales of series C equipment bonds, with an interest rate of 4.76 percent, for \$4 million, for 80 light rail vehicles, were held. Total amount funded through all equipment bond sales was \$21 million. Indenture authorized was \$51.5 million.

Construction bonds, series A, with an interest rate of 4.76 percent, were sold in June, 1973, for \$6.8 million, for rails, subway signal system, and engineering and inspection.

Construction bonds, series B, with an interest rate of 5.02 percent, were sold in January, 1974, for \$3 million, to fund Woods Motor Coach Center, Phase I.

Construction bonds, series C, with an interest rate of 7.16 percent, were sold in April, 1975, for \$26.4 million to fund Woods Center, Phase II, and Muni Metro Center. Total amount funded was \$36.2 million. Indenture authorized was \$44.0 million. Total bond issues were \$57.2 million, with a weighted average interest of 6.5 percent.

The following contracts have been completed: rails - \$2 million; Woods Coach Center Phase I - \$2.8 million; track for Muni Metro Center - \$2.3 million; purchase of 400 motor coaches, radios, radio base station, and one extra coach.

Contracts still in existence are as follows: LRVs - about \$26 million (TEP); signal system - \$3.5 million; purchase of trolley coaches - \$25 million (TIP); Muni Metro Rail Center - \$13 million; Woods Motor Coach Center Phase II - \$9 million.

The first bond issue for \$17 million to buy motor coaches, radios, base radio station was funded purely by bond issue. This was during the transition period between the Johnson and Nixon administrations. Arrangements were made for some staff members to go to Washington, D.C., where they met with Mr. Hurd and other representatives of UMTA. At that time they were informed there was no Federal funding available, and no guarantee there would be any. Staff members were given a letter of non-prejudice which would establish San Francisco's eligibility from that date. City would be entitled to subsequent grants for any monies spent from that date forward. As a result, as time passed and the Federal government funded for transportation, City received 50 percent after expending \$17 million. That money was a return of monies spent, and began to earn interest from the time it was received. Thereafter, as Municipal Railway programs progressed the City received Federal grants of two-thirds. San Francisco is now receiving 80 percent assistance. UMTA repays City in 40 to 60 days. There is no way

in which the Corporation is earning from any Federal grant money. Lease payments are derived from State TDA funds administered through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, which also allocates funds to AC Transit, Golden Gate Bridge & Highway District, BART, and Municipal Railway. The City receives sufficient funds to pay lease hold payments to the Corporation.

Commissioner Pilcher stated it was her understanding that if the bonds were in default the City would be liable.

Mr. Dooling stated that regarding LRVs, although City has not had delivery, payments have had to be made to bond holders. The Corporation has an equipment fund and a construction fund. There is \$11 million in the equipment fund; and if it were necessary to pay off the bonds on the LRVs, \$4.5 million would be sufficient. If the Commission never accepted the cars there would be adequate funds through final payment in 1988. Further, interest on the \$11 million which is primarily committed to the LRVs would be sufficient to meet annual payments.

Commissioner McCrea said there is no guarantee City is going to receive TDA funds from the State.

Dr. Christensen said the TDA funds are used by the City to make annual payments through the budget process for each lease. In this case, \$11 million is the balance in the equipment fund, and the primary claimant against the fund is Boeing Vertol for LRV payments.

Commissioner McCrea said the question is what happens if the Corporation is unable to meet its commitment to the bond holders. It has now sold \$57 million worth of bonds, and has an obligation to pay off.

Mr. Walker replied that the bonds are not bonds of the City, but are bonds of the Corporation. They are not backed up by the City. If the Corporation goes into default that is the fault of the Corporation. If the City makes its lease payments there is no further recourse against the City. If the City does not pay the rent, the bond holders could take over the buses, or if bonds relate to real property they could take over lease hold interest.

Commissioner Pilcher inquired as to the means by which a non-profit corporation was formed which allows the people to be "on the hook."

Mr. Wentz stated that the California Constitution recognizes non-profit financing, and State courts have ruled on its legality.

Commissioner McCrea stated that the Corporation has entered into contracts, and has the authority and legal right to sell bonds.

Mr. Wentz added this is only with the approval of the Commission.

Commissioner McCrea stated it is the obligation of the City to make lease payments. If the City were to find equipment deficient, what would happen is not clear.

Mr. Walker used the buses as an example. He said the City didn't have to pay rent until buses were received and accepted. Then the City paid rent to the Corporation, and the Corporation paid off the bonds. If the supplier of the buses never supplied buses meeting specifications the City would not accept them, and would not be liable for payment.

Commissioner Pilcher asked how the bond holders would be paid, and if they were not paid, would they seek redress from the City. Mr. Walker replied that they would not seek redress from the City.

Commissioner McCrea asked who has the authority and right to determine if buses meet specifications, and Mr. Dooling replied, "the City through the Commission."

Commissioner McCrea asked who makes the decision on behalf of the Corporation or City as to whether the contracts entered into have been successfully completed, and City can make lease payments for that equipment.

Mr. Reedy replied that the Commission will from time to time inform the Corporation of the number and type of equipment to be purchased. Specifications for equipment will be prepared by Public Utilities staff, and will be processed through the regular City process. He stated the Corporation does not set policy.

Commissioner McCrea alluded to a recent settlement with regard to the Flyers, in which the City told the Corporation to purchase 345 electric coaches. There were deficiencies of the coaches. He asked by whom the decision to eventually accept the coaches was made.

Mr. Reedy stated the decision was made by the Municipal Railway.

Mr. Dooling advised that the contractor or manufacturer requests progress payments for a job, and sends request for payment to the PUC General Office, Assistant General Manager for Finance. He sends it to the engineer in charge of the project. The engineer inspects the equipment or work and forwards back to the General Office which certifies that this request is a proper charge that comes within the contract, and that the progress payment should be made. Contracts and figures are rechecked. After that it is transmitted to the Corporation for proper signature, and Mr. Dooling checks the figures. It is then sent to the trustee who issues a check.

Responding to a question from Commissioner McCrea, Mr. Dooling stated that each bid that goes out is approved by the Commission, and that once the contract is awarded further authority rests with the Commission and staff. He said that everything done by the Corporation is approved by the Commission - everything purchased, every contract, every bond sale, interest rates.

Commissioner McCrea said he was concerned about the administration of the contracts. He said staff has advised that this is something between the Corporation and the supplier and does not have to be referred to the Commission. He asked if there is anything in the by-laws that would prevent the Commission from interjecting itself into the process. Mr. Dooling replied in the negative.

Commissioner McCrea asked if it is true that the Commission has no role to play in the final acceptance of the Flyer settlement.

Mr. Dooling replied that the City through the Commission has the right to say whether the settlement is acceptable.

Commissioner Pilcher said she would like to see an agreement for LRVs or for the Flyer contract.

Mr. Dooling stated there is no lease back on trolley coaches, so it would have to be an agreement on the LRVs.

Responding to a question from President Henning, Mr. Dooling said the Corporation meetings are open to the public. He said the Corporation meets three or four times a year, and meetings are called if something special comes up. Every change order is forwarded to each Director.

President Henning asked if there are minutes of the meetings. Mr. Dooling replied that minutes are taken, and there is an annual report. Audits are performed by Hood and Strong, the Federal government and UMTA. There is no public notice of meetings, but if the Commission desires public notices this can be done.

Commissioner McCrea said there is a great deal of concern that this is a quasi-independent agency operating with very little public or Commission input.

Mr. Reedy stated that if the Corporation has a public meeting, that means it is setting policy, and the Corporation does not have the authority to set policy. The Corporation cannot reject equipment except for financial reasons.

President Henning opened the meeting to questions from the floor.

Mr. John Elberling of CAPtrans asked if the City is paying a premium on local share of funding. Mr. Dooling answered in the affirmative, but stated City would still be paying interest on general obligation bonds. Mr. Elberling claimed that in 1969 there was a good reason for SFMRIC, as there was no Federal program. He asked if City can pay off bonds due with interest accrued if LRVs are not accepted. Mr. Dooling replied that the Corporation can pay, and has made progress payments to Boeing Vertol in the amount of \$4.5 million. He said that whenever City spends \$1 million it receives 80 percent back - \$11 million earns \$500,000 a year, and payments are \$400,000 a year. Interest earned would pay debt service on LRVs to bond holders up to 1988.

Responding to a question from Commission McCrea, Mr. Reedy said that at each meeting of the SFMRIC the General Manager of Public Utilities and the Assistant General Manager for Finance, as well as a representative of the City Attorney's Office, are present.

Mr. Wentz stated he sensed that Commission would like staff to develop a procedure whereby the change orders and final acceptances of equipment would be run past the Commission.

President Henning instructed that at the Commission meeting of December 13, 1977, a procedure be presented on furnishing items to the Commission prior to presentation to the SFMRIC.

Mr. Maurice Klebolt, President, CAPtrans, asked how many people hold bonds. Mr. Walker replied this is not known, as the bonds are coupon bonds.

Mr. Reedy pointed out that the Directors serve without fee, and it is through the Commission that bonds are sold. The Corporation will remain in business until the bonds are paid off.

Commissioner McCrea requested that staff prepare a comparison between SFMRIC bond issues and pay-as-you-go, questioned whether the Corporation could be dissolved and in the future we could use a "pay-as-you-go" system. He said he would also like to be informed of the problems of transition to the latter method.

Dr. Christensen said it is his judgment that SFMRIC will not sell more bonds because the City is in an advantageous position with regard to capital funds. Bridge toll and Proposition 5 funds will be received shortly. These funds will probably aggregate more than the local share of funds annually required. He also referred to the need for a re-funding program, the cost involved, and the indenture requirements of the bonds that have been issued with respect to dissolution of the Corporation.

THEREUPON THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED: 6:15 p.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

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Present: Commissioners Peter McCrea, H. Welton Flynn,
Joseph P. Byrne, Claire C. Pilcher

Absent: Commissioner John F. Henning, Jr.

Vice President McCrea presided in the absence of Commissioner Henning.

The minutes of the meeting of November 28, 1977 were approved. The minutes of November 22, 1977 were approved as amended to reflect that on page 77-244 Commissioner Pilcher stated she watched the traffic congestion at Sutter and Stockton Streets. The 30-Stockton bus was blocked by cars trying to gain access to the garage. She did not say she was unable to gain access to the Sutter-Stockton garage.

RESOLUTION
NO.

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0520 M Approving amendment to UMTA grant accepting funds establishing LRV Product Improvement Program

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0521 H Approving bid call for HH Contract No. 578

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0522 H Approving proposal for new street lighting on Burke Ave.

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Byrne, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0523 H Approving modification No. 1 providing funds for additional work under HH 548 - debit amount of \$1,078.51

Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0524 H Approving modification No. 1 providing funds for additional work under HH 554 - debit amount of \$223

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0525 H Approving completion of HH Contract No. 560

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

77-0526 H Approving completion of HH Contract No. 561

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0527 H Approving agreement with Environmental Science Associates, Inc., of Foster City to prepare EIR on proposed Lake Lloyd Weather Modification Program - not to exceed \$35,000

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0528 W Approving bid call for WD Contract No. 1743

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0529 W Approving modification No. 1 covering additional repairs to Dumbarton Bridge superstructure under WD Contract No. 1722 - \$63,150

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0530 W Approving completion of WD Contract No. 1721 and approval of agreement making final payment without prejudice to rights of either party in dispute of claim for extra compensation

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0531 W Approving execution of parking and landscaping lease with American Savings & Loan Assn. for 40 year term with monthly rent of \$100 for first year and \$510 monthly thereafter.

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0532 W Approving collection of claims - \$1,496.73

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0533 W Approving award of MR Contract No. 655 to O. C. Jones & Sons of Berkeley for construction of vibration isolators - \$53,400

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0534 M Approving award of MR Contract No. 643 to Railco of California Railco Inc. of Portland, Oregon for track reconstruction - \$990,000

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0535 M Approving Purchaser solicit bids under MR Contract No. 617 to purchase additional equipment - \$38,150

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0536 M Approving agreement with CalTrans for participating in wheelchair passive lift demonstration project

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0537 M Authorizing City Attorney to negotiate final payment in approximate amount of \$7,500 to Hunt and Company, Architects for additional costs incurred under its professional services agreement

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0538 M Approving execution of professional services agreement with Esherick, Homsey, Dodge & Davis of S.F. for work related to reconstruction of Forest Hill Station

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0519 M Approving warrants in settlement of claims - \$69,450

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0520 M Approving solicitation of proposals to design and implement accounting module

Vote: Ayes-McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Mr. John B. Wentz

Mr. Wentz stated that Mr. Oral L. Moore, General Manager, Hetch Hetchy Water & Supply, has suggested it is timely to arrange a Commission tour of certain transit power improvement facilities during the latter part of January or early February.

Commissioner McCrea requested that each Commissioner be contracted separately.

Water Conservation Report

Mr. Wentz said the November report reflects approximately the same picture. He pointed out it is easier to save large quantities during the summer as during the summer a higher usage is allowed for irrigation. Water bills issued next week will include solicitation of per capita information in case a more rigid type of rationing becomes necessary.

Commissioner McCrea stated the summary indicates that four resale customers have not achieved a 25 percent reduction in water usage. Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, General Manager, San Francisco Water Department, replied that San Jose has tried to take care of a tremendous growth problem without requesting changes in the resale contract. They have been informed in writing that this cannot continue - legal action will be taken if necessary. If Milpitas doesn't comply, it may also be necessary to take legal steps. Hayward used 1.3 percent more water because of lack of diligence, but has promised to use less water. Alameda County Water District recently went to voluntary rationing. The District has two other sources of water - State water and underground water. If the situation is not improved in 15 days, a valve restrictor may be installed. Mr. Boyd agreed to update the Commission on resale customers' use and action pending at the Commission meeting of December 13, 1977.

Commissioner Pilcher noted that the City Hall well was apparently finished November 9, 1977 but there has been no decrease in usage. Mr. Boyd explained that the computer's cooling system uses 150,000 gallons per day. The current well yields 44,000 GPD. A larger and deeper well will be needed, as well as a larger pump. This is under Stage II and bid advertising is scheduled for January. Control of water use in City Hall rests with the Department of Public Works. Commissioner McCrea instructed staff to direct another letter to Mr. S. M. Tatarian, Director of Public Works.

Following a discussion among staff and Commissioners regarding enclosures in water bills, Commissioner McCrea asked that a discussion of the water bill insert program be placed on the agenda for the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Pilcher said a list should identify enclosures for the past two years, as well as those pending and proposed.

Community Outreach Activity

For several weeks employees at Presidio Division have been volunteering one hour per week at Benjamin Franklin Jr. High School. Mr. George L. Newkirk, Contract Compliance Officer, and Mr. Eugene Womack, Director, Personnel & Training, worked out the details. This activity has resulted in fewer problems with students.

Cable Car Division Christmas Party

Mr. Wentz extended an invitation to the Commission to an annual Christmas party hosted by the Cable Car Division for senior citizens of San Francisco December 16, 1977 at noon at the Chinese Community Center.

Municipal Railway Santa Claus Operation

Commencing December 21, 1977 ten Muni operators will go into service wearing Santa Claus costumes, and pass out candy to children.

Bell Ringing Champion

Bell ringing champion Carl Payne will ride on San Francisco's float in the Tournament of Roses Parade, which will feature a cable car motif. His wife and daughter will also ride on the float.

Woods Motor Coach Center Dedication

Mr. Wentz urged the Commission to attend the dedication of the John M. Woods Motor Coach Center on December 15, 1977 at 10:00 a.m.

Title II Program

The total City program is still at the Board of Supervisors, and has been put over another week.

Commissioner Pilcher inquired about cuts in Title II programs. Mr. Wentz explained that out of a \$1.2 million program, only \$105,000 was cut.

Responding to a question from Commissioner McCrea, Mr. Wentz stated Mr. Rino Bei will continue to administer Title II programs.

Commission Meeting Schedules

Mr. Wentz proposed, and Commission concurred, that briefing sessions on the budget, open to the public, will be held at 2:00 p.m., December 29, 1977, for the Muni budget; and at 2:00 p.m. December 30, 1977, for other Department budgets. Place of these briefings will be announced at a later date. There will be no testimony from the public at the budget briefings. A public hearing on the budget will be held January 10, 1978. The regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. December 27, 1977.

Commissioner McCrea said the most recent Revenue Equipment Report is the best report in months, showing no missed runs of motor coaches or trolley coaches. He inquired if there is an indication of a driver shortage at Geneva Division, as there is an average of 10 missed runs on streetcars for lack of operators.

Mr. Curtis E. Green, Manager, Municipal Railway, stated that because of the rerailling program on the L and M streetcar lines, there is less need for streetcars, which are being supplemented by buses. He said 16 persons are in training at present, but there will be less need for streetcar operators for several months. A contract is about to be let to a private contractor to assist in repair of down streetcars. He said the situation is being watched closely. Commissioner McCrea said an operator should be placed in every operable streetcar.

Commissioner McCrea said he was distressed on the evening of December 12, 1977, at the effect of buses going to the ball park from the downtown area. It will be necessary to think about whether this is something that is being done for the benefit of the owners of the 49ers when at the same time regular patrons are being deprived of transportation home from work.

Mr. Green stated 90 extra pieces of equipment were placed in service to bring 60,000 people to the ball park.

Resolution No. 77-0520--PUBLIC HEARING - Approving amendment to existing grant application with Urban Mass Transportation Administration to accept additional grant funds to establish a LRV Product Improvement Program.

Mr. Green stated that Muni is requesting approval of a product improvements, spare parts, testing and maintenance equipment proposal. This is an amendment to the Systems Improvement Program. Muni is involved with MBTA in Boston and through UMTA is purchasing 100 LRVs.

Since the first cars were delivered to Boston in 1976 they have not functioned as anticipated, and the maintenance cost has been above expectations. It is believed that UMTA will fund 80 percent of a total of \$5,610,911. There will be a parallel request from MBTA in Boston to UMTA for \$8 million. The program is essential for LRVs to come to San Francisco and run efficiently.

Commissioner McCrea stated his only reservation is that Muni is making a large commitment to LRVs before Boston and San Francisco tests are completed. If San Francisco agrees it wants these cars, the program is needed - otherwise it is not needed.

Mr. Wentz stated that when the cost of this proposal is compared to the total cost to which the City is already committed it places the matter in proper perspective.

Mr. Green added these are items above and beyond the contractual agreement.

Dr. John M. Christensen, Jr., Assistant General Manager, Finance, added that this also represents an opportunity to obtain additional spares not normally funded by UMTA at a reduced cost to the City. The LRV Modification Program in Boston under which tests on modified cars must show 80% availability during 90% of peak hours is divided into three phases of performance qualification. Phase I has been accepted by MBTA and during Phase II progress has been in excess of anticipated performance.

Commissioner McCrea opened the hearing to the public.

Mr. Maurice H. Klebolt, President, CAPtrans, read a letter from CAPtrans to the Board of Supervisors, the Commission, and the Mayor's Office, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He asked who told the contractor what to do, and who is asking for changes.

Mr. Wentz said the engineers of the two properties are the people to answer MR. Klebolt's questions. The engineers who are working with the development of this equipment have conceived of the need. He said there is still some question as to whether some of these items might be the responsibility of Boeing, but that question will have to be decided at a later date.

Mr. Wentz stated the car was jointly designed by MBTA, Municipal Railway, Philadelphia Transportation Agency and UMTA. Final specifications were issued by UMTA to be applicable for a standard light rail car for the U. S. Specifications were jointly agreed to under the aegis of UMTA. New ideas have been brought forth as a result of the Boston experience.

Mr. Fred Perry of CAPtrans said UMTA should bear the cost of modifications, and funds should not be credited against San Francisco.

Commissioner McCrea said he tended to agree as a taxpayer. However, the sequence of events was that UMTA wrote specifications for a car. UMTA offered to fund a standard LRV. San Francisco accepted the specifications and agreed to order 100 LRVs from Boeing Vertol.

Commissioner Pilcher stated the City is now requesting UMTA to pay 80 percent of the funding.

Mr. Klebolt mentioned that the first step is higher than the second step. Commissioner Pilcher explained that San Francisco is not asking

for items within the scope of the contract at this time. Commissioner Flynn added that the car is now being tested. If the step is wrong after the car has been tested, the complaint will be made at that time.

Item 19--Requesting reduction in insurance requirements of \$1,000,000 combined single limit, bodily injury and property damage, for certain revenue producing land use permits and leases; and continuation of exemption of certain classes of land use permits from such insurance requirements (deferred from November 8, 1977).

Mr. Boyd stated it is now recommended that lower limits would be allowed only after hearing and approval by the Commission. Information from other public agencies indicates that lower limits of insurance prevail.

Commissioner Pilcher noted there is no other municipality which has a \$1 million across the board minimum.

Commissioner Flynn stated he would hold to \$1 million coverage in spite of the fact that the City Attorney states there have been no suits. He believes the City is vulnerable, and the City Attorney can't tell what will happen in the future. He said the list of permits revoked or denied because of inability to furnish \$1 million coverage involves a minimal amount of money, and that one law suit would cost more than the rents received from the lease.

On motion of Commissioner Byrne, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher, the Commission moved to put this item over to the Commission meeting of December 27, 1977.

Item 26--Approving rerouting of Line 2-Clement eastbound so that it becomes regular route to Sutter and Laguna, thence via Sutter and Gough to Post and resume regular route; and abandonment inbound from Sutter and Laguna Street, via Laguna and Post to Gough Street.

Mr. Green demonstrated the proposed new routing by means of a chart. He said Muni has been approached by members of the elderly and handicapped community regarding service to a number of senior citizen apartments westerly of Sutter Street. These people must now walk to Post Street from as far away as California Street. He said the Muni Planning Department has met with the handicapped group to alleviate some part of the problem. The No. 2-Clement bus is a limited, and there will be an additional stop at Octavia Street.

Commissioner Pilcher stated that Gough Street during rush hours is impossible.

Commissioner McCrea stated limited service was established to provide quick transportation to patrons who travel long distances. He said he is concerned that Muni is going to begin to compromise limited bus service.

Mr. Green said there are a large number of people who have pressed hard for some relief.

Commissioner McCrea pointed out that Phase I of the POM Study is to route electric lines in this area. Mr. Green replied that the petition is for something to be done now.

Commissioner Flynn noted that buses will come from the right lane on Gough Street to make a left turn on Post Street.

Commissioner McCrea stated he is concerned with taking limited service buses and adding four or five minutes to their trip for the benefit of a small group of patrons. Mr. Green said there would be about 300 people involved.

Commissioner Pilcher asked if there were any people in the audience requesting the rerouting. One person responded.

Mr. Samuel W. Walker, Secretary-Treasurer, TWU Local 250-A, said the TWU would normally oppose the dangerous turn on Gough Street. Mr. Green said he spoke to Mr. Lawrence B. Martin, President of the Union, and he had agreed the rerouting would be considered.

Commissioner McCrea noted these patrons would not be traveling during rush hours, and that perhaps one or two local service buses could be placed in service during off peak hours, thereby not making the rerouting a day long operation. He said he would not vote for the proposed rerouting the way it stands. At Commissioner McCrea's request the item was put over for further study.

Resolution No. 77-0538--Authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Esherick, Homsey, Dodge & Davis for performance of design work relative to the reconstruction of Forest Hill Station (Phase I). Payment for services not to exceed \$598,000 (TIP).

Mr. Green stated a team was set up to interview firms invited to make presentations. This team consisted of six members, including a Department of Public Works representative. Presentations were made and a scoring was obtained. Three very good firms responded, which were very close in ratings by the team. Mr. Green said Muni management feels that the firm recommended is the best choice.

Responding to a question from Commissioner Flynn regarding affirmative action, Mr. George L. Newkirk, Contract Compliance Officer, stated that all three firms have minority participation and all have at least a minimal affirmative action plan. The firm selected has 30 percent minority participation.

Commissioner Flynn inquired about past performance, and Mr. Newkirk replied that on an average on the past three jobs, the firm selected has had 20 to 30 percent minority participation, including females.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 4:30 p.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

George R. Moscone, Mayor

Room 282, City Hall

2:26 p.m.

December 27, 1977

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SPECIAL MEETING - 1:30 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Peter McCrea, H. Welton Flynn,
Joseph P. Byrne, Claire C. Pilcher

Absent: Commissioner John F. Henning, Jr. - arrived at 1:47 p.m.

Vice President McCrea presided in the absence of President Henning.

Vice President McCrea explained that the Special Meeting was for the purpose of hearing a presentation by Mayor George R. Moscone. A copy of Mayor Moscone's remarks is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Moscone departed from a prepared text several times, particularly with reference to his observation that we should expect a high level of courtesy from operators. He emphasized that "98 to 99 percent" of the operators serve the public with courtesy and consideration, adding that it is unfortunate that only "one or two percent" can adversely effect the good work of the vast majority of operators.

At the conclusion of his remarks the Mayor thanked the Commission, wishing everyone a happy, healthy and responsive New Year.

Commissioner H. Welton Flynn complimented Mayor Moscone for his "candid remarks" and assured him that everything possible would be done to accomplish the suggested Municipal Railway programs and improvements.

Members of the Commission and Mr. John B. Wentz, General Manager, Public Utilities, thanked the Mayor.

President Henning declared a recess, and announced that the regularly scheduled meeting would convene at 2:15 p.m.

Call + Order: 2:26 p.m.

Present: Commissioners John F. Henning, Jr., Peter McCrea,
H. Welton Flynn, Joseph P. Byrne, Claire C. Pilcher

The minutes of the meeting of December 13, 1977 were approved as amended to reflect that on page 77-261 the LRV Modification Program in Boston under which tests on modified cars must show 80% availability during 90% of peak hours is divided into three phases of performance qualification.

RESOLUTION

<u>NO.</u>	
	On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:
77-0541 H	Approving transfer of \$35,000 for emergency replacement and repairs of transmission line crossing Don Pedro Reservoir
	Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher
	On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:
77-0542 H	Approving acquisition of easement required for power line installation - \$300
	Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0543 H Approving modification No. 1 under HH Contract No. 568 providing funds for canopy at Moccasin Vehicle Refueling Station - debit amount of \$332

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Pilcher, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0544 W Approving reduction in \$1,000,000 insurance requirements on certain revenue producing land use permits and leases

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Byrne, Pilcher
No-Flynn

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0545 W Approving write-off uncollectible accounts - \$6,942.57

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0546 W Approving supplemental appropriation providing funds to construct new suburban facilities - \$2,937,000

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0547 W Approving supplemental appropriation providing funds for two litigated and on non-litigated claim - \$140,480.03

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0548 M Approving award of MR Contract No. 625 to Abbett Electric Corporation of S.F. for miscellaneous track work and control installation - \$217,535

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0549 M Approving completion of MR Contract No. 615

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of McCrea, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0550 M Approving completion of MR Contract No. 634

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by McCrea, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0551 M Approving modification No. 12 providing for additional work under MR Contract No. 588 - \$39,558

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0552 M Approving contract change agreement No. 16 under MR Contract No. 617 for various alterations - \$8,927

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0553 M Approving travel expense voucher of \$1,012.78 to Marcius O. Cole with condition that that amount be withheld from future payment to Flyer Industries

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Flynn, seconded by Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0554 M Approving proposed Charter amendment for June ballot for purpose of permitting new turnaround facility for LRVs and its forwarding to the Board of Supervisors

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

On motion of Pilcher, seconded by Flynn, the following resolution was adopted:

- 77-0540 M Approving drawing of warrants in settlement of claims against Railway - \$42,400

Vote: Ayes-Henning, McCrea, Flynn, Byrne, Pilcher

Copies of the above resolutions are on file in the office of the Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER - Mr. John B. Wentz

Rainfall Report

Mr. Wentz stated that Mr. Kenneth R. Boyd, General Manager, Water Department, reported that during the past 96 hours reservoirs on Water Department watersheds have received an input of 223 million gallons, which brings the total from mid-December to 881 million gallons or about a 5-day supply to the system.

Mr. Oral L. Moore, General Manager, Hetch Hetchy Water and Power, reports that precipitation in the Hetch Hetchy and Cherry areas in the Sierra is at 130 percent of normal for the season to date.

Mr. Wentz said these figures are encouraging, but the mandatory rationing program should continue.

Conservation Task Force Technical Committee

The Technical Committee of the Conservation Task Force held a kick-off meeting on December 15, 1977. The Technical Committee has been

organized into sub-committees, and it is anticipated that gains will be made under the leadership of Patrick J. Phillips and Robert Vasconcellos.

LRV Task Force

The Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors has put over until December 28, 1977, the grant application for the LRV Task Force. The Advisory Board of Control for the LRV Program will meet December 28, 1977, at 8:00 a.m.

Title II Program

The Title II Program for the Municipal Railway was approved by the Board of Supervisors at a first reading on December 19, 1977. The second reading is scheduled for December 27, 1977.

Municipal Railway Birthday

December 28, 1977, will be Muni's 65th birthday, and Mayor Moscone has been invited to cut Muni's birthday cake at 11:00 a.m. at the Presidio Division. Mr. Wentz extended an invitation to the Commission to attend.

Resolution 77-0541--Approving transfer of the sum of \$35,000 for emergency replacement and repairs of the transmission line crossing Don Pedro Reservoir.

Mr. Wentz stated replacement and repairs can be accomplished in one 3-day weekend, and it is hoped to accomplish the work the weekend of December 31, 1977 - January 2, 1978.

Resolution 77-0544--Requesting reduction in insurance requirements of \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit, Bodily Injury and Property Damage, for certain revenue producing land use permits and leases; and continuation of exemption of certain classes of land use permits from such insurance requirements. (Deferred from meeting of December 13, 1977)

Mr. Boyd explained that the requirement for \$1 million coverage has placed the Department in a position in which leases and permits have had to be canceled because the permittee or lessee was unable to obtain \$1 million coverage. He stated there will be more lessees and permittees who will be unable to obtain \$1 million coverage at renewal time. The resolution now states that any reduction below \$1 million will require separate action in each case by the Commission.

Mr. Wentz pointed out that the City itself is at present not totally insured, and is unable to obtain insurance. He said Mayor Moscone has appointed a committee to cope with the situation.

Following further discussion among Commission, staff and Mr. George E. Baglin, Utilities General Counsel, Commissioner H. Welton Flynn stated that every contract which comes out of the Mayor's Office for the Model Cities Program must have \$1 million coverage.

Commissioner Claire C. Pilcher stated she knows of a contractor who obtained a waiver of the \$1 million coverage on a \$10,000 project. She said exceptions are made, and that is what this resolution is about.

On motion of Commissioner McCrea, seconded by Commissioner Pilcher, Resolution 77-0544 was adopted. Commissioner Flynn voted "no." All other Commissioners voted "aye."

Resolution 77-0547--Approving supplemental appropriation, amount \$140,480.03, to provide funds for settlement of two litigated claims and one non-litigated claim against the San Francisco Water Department.

Commissioner Pilcher noted that one of the litigated claims was for personal injury due to a depression in the street resulting from a Water Department excavation for a main connection which was not properly paved due to no paving being ordered. She stated that preventive maintenance would save money.

Mr. Boyd said the Department makes every effort possible. He stated there was a conglomeration of pot holes at First and Market Streets where the accident occurred, not all of which were due to lack of proper paving on the part of the Water Department. He pointed out, however, that the Department's contracts for paving make the contractor responsible for liability 24 hours after receipt of the signed contract.

Item 17--Awarding MR Contract No. 635, in the amount of \$172,200 to Fentron Highway Products, Inc. of Seattle, Washington, for Passenger Waiting Shelters, Phase II. (Transit Improvement Program)

President Henning instructed that this item be put over for two weeks to determine if the Transit Improvement Program is being integrated with the desires of the administration regarding the Muni shelter program.

Resolution 77-0551--Requesting the San Francisco Municipal Railway Improvement Corporation to approve and execute contract modification No. 12 in the debit amount of \$39,558 for additional work under MR Contract No. 588 - Subway Signal System. (Transit Improvement Program)

Mr. Maurice Klebolt, President, CAP-trans, asked what this item represents. Mr. Thomas A. Mullaney, Senior Civil Engineer, Municipal Railway, explained there are four items involved, and that he would explain them in great detail to Mr. Klebolt whenever he wished. He said the PCC cars and the LRVs would not operate on separate signal systems in Twin Peaks Tunnel.

Resolution 77-0552--Approving Contract Change Agreement No. 16 in the debit amount of \$8,927 to provide for various alterations in the work under MR Contract No. 617 - Motor Coach Storage and Maintenance Facilities, Phase II - and requesting the San Francisco Municipal Railway Improvement Corporation to approve and execute said change agreement. (Transit Improvement Program)

Commissioner McCrea asked what recourse the City has for these design errors.

Mr. George Duarte, Acting General Manager, Municipal Railway, replied that the City has recourse to the contractor for these errors in design and the record is being made.

Resolution 77-0553--Approving travel expense voucher in the amount of \$1,012.78 covering expenses for Marcius O. Cole incurred in his trip to Winnipeg, Canada, to inspect the manufacture of two electric trolley coaches during period November 13-24, 1977.

Mr. Wentz reported that Muni purchased 345 electric trolley coaches from Flyer Industries of Winnipeg, Canada. On the way to

San Francisco two of these coaches were wrecked, and had to be rebuilt. These coaches have been constructed and are in transit. Mr. Cole, Electrical Transit Shop Foreman, Municipal Railway, went to the plant to inspect the final manufacture of the two remaining coaches.

President Henning said he would vote for payment of this voucher on condition that a claim for this amount is made against the manufacturer as part of the overall settlement. Commissioner Pilcher said she would be in favor of payment to Mr. Cole if the amount were withheld from payment to the manufacturer.

On motion of Commissioner Pilcher, seconded by Commissioner Flynn, the Commission unanimously adopted this resolution on condition that \$1,012.78 is withheld from payment to the manufacturer.

Resolution 77-0554--Consideration of request to the Board of Supervisors to submit a Charter amendment to the electorate on the June ballot for the purpose of permitting construction of the new turn-around facility for LRVs beneath M. Justin Herman Plaza. (Transit Improvement Program)

Responding to a question from President Henning, Mr. George E. Baglin, Utilities General Counsel, stated that the Charter prohibits construction of buildings or structures on lands under the control of the Recreation and Park Commission, except for recreational purposes.

Ms. Romaine A. Smith, Secretary to the Commission, distributed to the Commissioners a draft of proposed Charter amendment, subject to later modification.

Mr. Wentz pointed out that it will be necessary to have a member of the Board of Supervisors submit the proposed Charter amendment at the Board meeting of January 3, 1978, in order to meet the deadline for the June election.

President Henning stated he would favor adopting the resolution with the qualification that staff pursue alternative means of authorizing this construction.

On motion of Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Byrne, the resolution was unanimously adopted by the Commission.

Commissioner Pilcher reported that she has been observing the Muni operators' training program, and highly recommends it. She said it is most informative, and the level of instruction is excellent. The attitude of the trainees is enthusiastic. In spite of equipment shortage and the lack of middle management, the instructors are doing a good job. The drivers must prepare their own schedules on some runs, and she said this almost requires a PhD in physics and higher mathematics, which is asking a lot of sophistication of these drivers. She said there were some small complaints, such as wanting more breaks, which is understandable, after sitting from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with one break for coffee. She said that by and large the program is outstanding.

President Henning complimented Commissioner Pilcher for taking time from her law practice to acquaint herself with the program.

President Henning reminded everyone there will be budget review sessions open to the public December 29 and 30 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Room 228. He said copies of the budget are available for review in the PUC General Office.

THEREUPON THE MEETING ADJOURNED: 3:05 p.m.

Romaine A. Smith
Secretary

